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エレンア
……ソイツヲ置イテユケ。
話ヲ聞カセテモラウ。

ハッ！ 欲しけりや
奪つてみやがれ！



シヨウ

シヨウー

シヨウー!

セレーネ
アイギナ王国の
元・ワガママ姫。

何もない——...

ここには本当に何もなかった。

人は死に、建物は死に、街は死んだ。

全て、エレノアが殺した。

.....殺し尽くした。

「———」

壊すものさえなくなった、街。

ひたすら静寂に包まれたその街を、
エレノアは黒い炎で焼き尽くした。



Chapter 180

Intermission

In Malonei's outskirts, in the living room of my Magic Cottage that I enveloped with my camouflage aura.

Helene and I were there.

"Does it mean that this would be our base for a while?"

"Yeah. I'm involved, Delfina moved. Because of those two points, both my mansion and Delfina's Merchant Company can't be used"

That's why we moved here.

The Magic Cottage that can be taken out freely, the invisibility camouflage aura that cannot be seen through unless one has powers greater than the Demon Sword Eleanor.

With that combination, it can be said that it's absolutely safe.

"Kakeru-sama"

"What?"

"It would be dangerous if they activated a strong strategic-class wide range magic circle on an approximate area at the place they think we are in"

"...I see. It wasn't perfect huh"

I nodded. It's exactly as Helene pointed out.

The combination has its strength with being easily moved and being invisible, but its defensive capacity is just decent.

Just like Helene had said, if they activated a wide range magic that would possibly hit us, it would be effective.

[You're letting your guard down]

"I'll be careful——thanks"

"Your welcome"

Helene smiled.

And when I pulled her to me and kissed her even using my tongue, the door opened

and Selene entered.

“Ah...!”

Selene witnessed me being fond of Helene and blushed.

When I released Helene, Selene said with a red face.

“Thank you, Shou, for protecting Father”

“Don’t mind it. It’ll be troublesome if he dies before you surpass him”

There is the sleeping King Aegina in the room where Selene came out from.

Delfina became a target, so he can’t be left there anymore, so I brought him here.

I’m not interested at all with aged men, but King Aegina must live to grant Selene’s wish, so I brought him to this place which is the safest place for the time being.

“Well then, we should decide what we’re going to do from now on”

I said and looked at Helene.

From a woman’s face to Teresia of Twin Flowers. She returned to Princess Helene who is best at warfare, and opened her mouth.

“After Duke Therios, Duke Annis, Duke Gate——the so-called Three Lords, gained a righteous cause, they divided Aegina into three parts, stationed soldiers at each of them, and established their rule”

“Effective control huh”

“Yes”

“What will we do with that?”

“There are two things needed. One is military force. As long as it is essentially under their rule, battles cannot be evaded. No matter what we would do, there is a need to beat them”

“I know that. The other one is?”

Helene took out her folding fan without saying anything. It’s the new fan that I gave her as a present a while ago.

She used that and gracefully pointed towards a room.

It’s the room where Selene came from.

“Father?”

“More specifically, a legitimate cause”

“Legitimate cause?”

Selene tilted her head. She looks like she doesn’t understand at all.

“...something like this?”

I lightly gripped Eleanor, released an aura and enveloped my body.

I imagined the appearance of King Aegina when I saved him and took him away.
And then.

“Father?! No, it’s Shou... why turn to Father’s appearance?”

“What should I do with this appearance?”

I asked Helene, not Selene.

“You only need to appear on the battlefield. The Three Lords Regency only have legitimacy when the King cannot administer his rule. As long as the King takes action, that legitimacy would be dissolved”

“I see”

“However——it is only King Aegina, Kakeru-sama cannot fight during that time. There is no other choice but to leave you in the headquarters”

“...I see”

Helene and I stared, and nodded back at each other.

There is actually no need to do that.

I’m able to use my aura on another person. And in fact, I also used it on Helene when we infiltrated to find information.

After using it to someone else, I’m able to maintain their appearance even if I took some distance from them.

Just by doing that means that it makes me unable to fight.

But even so, the reason why Helene said that is to make Selene fight.

Naturally, since I’m unable to fight——Selene could only brace herself.

“Meaning, it’s like this. The King would be riding a palanquin, and the Princess will fight on the frontlines”

“That will be the best way to gain legitimacy, and after the battle, Selene-sama would

gain authority——in the shape of becoming Prime Minister Princess”
“I see”

I nodded, and confirmed with Selene.

“Are you alright with that?”

“Un, I think so”

Selene answered promptly.

She answered brightly, without hesitation.

From how she’s narrowing her eyebrows until I talked to her, it’s easy to tell that she doesn’t understand most of it, but even so, she said she’s alright with it.

Leaving the things she doesn’t understand to those who can, asking for their help.

She is trying to put that into action.

“That’s fine for now”, I thought, and asked Helene.

“With Malonei as the starting point, where should we attack first?”

“Hanya”

“You answered instantly. Why is that?”

“Because it is the battlefield where the strength of the one leading the army and their strength of breaking through is tested, having the most restrictions in the terrain, when advancing from Malonei”

She held her fan with both hands and glanced at Selene.

That’s good, Helene.

It looks like she’s planning on planting confidence on Selene using the first battle.

Chapter 181

The Ideal Movement of the Weakened

About a hundred years from now, there is something that was called Battle of Hanya. That battle occurred during an invasion war.

The Aegina Kingdom at that time was invaded by other kingdoms, lost battles after battles, and was likely to be defeated.

“The Kingdom will fall if this continues”, the King at that time judged, and started ceasefire negotiations with the condition of handing over half of the kingdom’s territory.

Even so, the enemy’s invasion had yet to stop, but the King continued the ceasefire negotiations by showing the attitude of non-resistance and obedience.

But the First Prince at that time objected that instead.

Claiming that there is no reason to negotiate for a ceasefire in the situation where they have lost continuously, he advocated for further resistance.

The King did not show approval.

The Prince’s opinion were all rejected and finally, he was deprived all military authority.

The Prince obeyed——at least, on the surface.

He obeyed the King’s orders and made the army retreat, but on the other hand, he went out for a “walk”, taking two hundred of his direct subordinates.

The place he went for a walk was Hanya. It’s the place where one million enemy troops are approaching.

Hanya was an extreme topography interposed between the mountain road and the lake, which was unsuitable for the deployment of a large army.

Using that topography at its best, the Prince annihilated a million enemy troops!

That fight where two hundred men annihilated a million enemy was called the “Battle of Hanya”, and was recorded in the annals of history.

And because of that Battle of Hanya, the enemy kingdom has lost much of its military

force, with that reason, it made Aegina come back to life, and eventually won the war.

Ever since, the “Battle of Hanya” became synonymous with the battle that overturned numerical inferiority.

It is Helene’s idea to use the first battle at that place where individual strength strongly affects the battle, and make Selene confident.



Selene Mi Aegina continuously swung her sword.

“Leading” 200 soldiers, she charged while swinging her sword.

She is not commanding them. She is leading them ahead.

She does not have the ability to lead other people. The only thing she could do is to charge using her individual prowess.

That is why, rather than to describe it that she is leading 200 soldiers, it is better to say that she is charging as the spearhead of 201 soldiers.

The enemy force that came to intercept them was 1000. Five times of Selene’s.

Selene did not falter to that disadvantage. She only continued to charge.

Following the legendary “Battle of Hanya”, the same 200 numbers——was, of course, not the reason.

Selene is still in the realm of ignorance. There was no way for her to know the “Battle of Hanya”, the greatest and most honorable battle in this kingdom.

What makes Selene assured is that existence behind her.

Even behind those 200 soldiers, the man riding on a palanquin.

That elderly man whose appearance was emphasized to the limits, with the flag of Aegina Kingdom raised up in the air.

Of course, it was not King Aegina himself.

It is the Demon Sword Wielder that she still continues to call as “Shou”, it is Yuuki Kakeru.

He is there, he is looking.

That fact gave Selene the courage, protecting her to all kinds of fear.

She is still in the realm of ignorance.

She does not know the identity of the feeling that makes her move forward. She does not know, that that feeling is commonly called as “love”.

She does not know, but its effects were strongly displayed.

Selene charged. She charged more daringly and braver than anyone of the 201. She cut off more soldiers than anyone.

Selene repeated the basic stab, slash, and sweep that she learned from Nana to repeatedly defeat the enemy.

At first, she faithfully repeated the movements she learned, but as fatigue accumulated, her movements started to become dull, making her form collapse.

And after exceeding a certain line, her movements changed.

Humans, when they reach a certain line of exhaustion, their body would move in the most natural way and the most ideal way they could.

That movement of hers, were the movements of “that” that continued to linger in her mind.

Those movements that even appeared in her dreams.

Just like that, he movements changed.

Blood clouds have started to dance.



I’m looking at the battlefield from the palanquin.

Selene is fighting hard. Although it’s 200 vs 1000, with five times in their difference, the number that actually makes contact is actually the same.

Helene’s completely right to choose this place.

She’s completely right, but.

“Those movements... it’s somewhat...”

[Kuku, you’re quite loved huh]

“Ahh, she was copying my movements after all”

[Although both of her speed and power lacks, just her movements looks completely the same]

Eleanor guaranteed.

That's right. Selene moved stiffly at first, but halfway, her movements became that which were completely the same as mine.

The way she fights with her sword completely looks like me.

Though it's a bit complicated seeing the exact movements that I do.

[It would have been impossible to copy it to that level if she did not have a strong emotion for it]

Thinking of that, it became interesting.

Chapter 182

Siege Hammer Eleanor

Selene's destructive power increased more and more after she became able to move like Kakeru, but on the other side, the soldiers that she was leading could not keep up with her.

Some injured, some collapsed. The soldiers who could fight properly within the 200 was below half.

"Princess, the soldiers are tired. We should retreat temporarily"

One young soldier, a man who is a commanding officer advised to Selene. Selene answered without delay.

"I got it! What should I do?"

"Eh?"

"I don't know the way to retreat. What do I need to do?"

Selene held herself from charging and defeating soldiers face front and advance. The soldier who advised was surprised. He is one of the few men within the 200 who knows Selene of the past.

He did not think that his suggestion would be approved, nor imagined that he would be asked for advice instead.

"What? Should I continue to advance like this?"

"Eh? No! The gong for withdrawal. Their side has more casualties, so they should pull back if we withdraw"

"Then, I'll leave it to you"

"Ha!"

The soldier conveyed Selene's order.

The gong for withdrawal was pounded loudly and both armies retreated.



At night, in the camp in the outskirts of Hanya, inside the Magic Cottage guarded by the soldiers.

I'm facing with Selene.

"H-How was it?"

"For your first battle——no, you were quite good"

"Really?!"

"Their soldiers were more skilled, but they have more casualties. Your central breakthrough made that possible"

"I-Is that so"

[The time to pull back was great too. The speed of deciding to retreat from when the air of battle started to sway was brilliant. The decision to immediately withdraw under that advantage doesn't exist much in my memories]

"——she said so"

Eleanor's evaluation was quite high, so I told it exactly to Selene.

"It's because I didn't know"

"Un?"

"Someone told me that it's better to withdraw because the soldiers are tired, but I didn't know whether they're tired or not. I didn't know, so I just followed the advice. Just like Shou told me"

"I see"

[This girl, she's really going to the extremes. Interesting]

I could feel the Eleanor was really enjoying it.

I agree. She's interesting, Selene.

"A person really changes when they do huh"

"Eh? W-What?"

"It's nothing"

Well then, what should I do from now on.

Inside the Magic Cottage, in the sand table placed in the living room.

I placed magic powers onto it, and it showed the diorama around Hanya and showed the military strength of both parties at the same time.

The enemy was decreased at some level with today's advantage, but if this continues, it would take time to defeat them.

[Kakeru～]

Passing through the ceiling, the ghost maids Tanya and Peggy fell down.
After Selene withdrew, I sent out for reconnaissance.

“How was it?”

[Just like Kakeru said, they're planning on holding themselves in Hanya]

“As I've thought huh”

[What are you going to do? If it turns into a long-term battle, reinforcements will come and our side would be attacked on both sides. If we receive a pincer attack in this narrow terrain, it would be devastating]

“We should just end it before that happens”

[Are you going to the frontlines instead?]

“I didn't mean that”

This is a battle to make Selene gain confidence. There will be no meaning if I enter the fray.

Also, I'm just thinking right now that I want to see more of it.

I want to see more of Selene fighting instinctively just the way I do.

[What will you do then?]

“Selene”

“Un, what?”

“You will charge again tomorrow okay”

“Un! Should I do it like I did today?”

“No”

I raised the corner of my lips.

“You will charge after I launched one attack”



The next day, with Selene and the soldiers marching.
After a night's rest, first aid, 90% of them were able to fight again.
But, the enemy won't come out.

After the "Battle of Hanya", Hanya was turned into a fortress.
It was turned into a fortress so that just like the prince at that time, a hero would lead his comrades to counterattack with this place as the starting point.
Helene said that it's a kind of a propaganda.
No matter what happens to the kingdom, as long as this place is fine, the people of the kingdom who believes in the legend would continue to have hope.
To maintain that, it was turned into a fortress.

The soldiers who came out yesterday are hiding themselves inside the fortress today.

[Kuku, it really looks like a strong fortress from how it looks]
"Yeah"
[And so? What are you going to do?]
"I'm throwing you"
[—fue?]

Was it unexpected? Eleanor raised a dumbfounded voice.

"You told me a few days ago right? Not to throw you. But I should throw you with full force if I really insist"
[Y-Yeah]
"I'll throw you with full force"

I sent the signal.
I made Selene and the soldiers open a way.

There's no longer an obstacle between me and Hanya's fortress.
I held Eleanor with a reverse grip and took the posture of throwing.

I took a deep breath... and breathed out.

"Haaaaaaaaaaa!!"

I released an aura, enveloping Eleanor.

The Demon Sword's appearance changed. From a huge sword longer than a person's height——to ten times bigger.

[H-Hey, you, don't tell me——]

With one shout.

I threw Eleanor who became as big as a truck.

The Giant Eleanor flew while making the winds roar.

And——it pierced through the fortress.

Deafening explosive sounds were made and the ground shook making the soldiers only barely able to stand.

After everything has calmed down, a hole was opened in the fortress.

A giant hole, as if it was hit by a missile.

"O-Oh god..."

"What a monster..."

"A-Amazing!"

The soldiers were astonished. They looked at me and the hole with their jaws dropped.

And within them, only one was not surprised and immediately moved.

Selene Mi Aegina.

Only she did not stop, and just like we have planned, she charged as soon as I finished my one attack.

What an interesting girl.

Chapter 183

The Battle in Hanya, the Second Round

After several assaults, Hanya fell.

Hanya had lost its function as a fortress with one attack from Eleanor and turned the battle into a melee.

There's still the difference between the number of soldiers, but Selene's charging attacks completely overcame that.

Their side completely lost the will to fight after the soldiers surged in the opened hole of Hanya and fell into a total collapse.

Other than the few soldiers who have surrendered, the others have retreated from Hanya.

And Selene tried to charge towards them as well.

Charge, charge, and charge.

As if that was the only thing that she could do, Selene tried to faithfully execute that action.

"Don't chase them, Selene!"

I shouted and stopped her.

My voice multiplied 777x passed through the battlefield clearly and reached her ears.

Selene stopped to a still.

I went off the palanquin and stood in front of her.

I removed the aura I clad myself with and returned to my appearance from King Aegina's.

"Good job. This is enough"

"I don't need to chase after them?"

"Some should be let off as a messenger. So that they would know exactly what happened, that this troops are led by King Aegina"

"Un, I got it"

Selene obediently nodded. It's exactly the opposite from just a while ago.

She sheathed her sword and sighed.

Is it from physical fatigue or her tension was loosened, Selene staggered.

I caught her in an embrace when she was about to fall down.

"Thank you——ah!"

Selene pushed me away in panic.

She got out from my embrace once, but she staggered and fell into my embrace in the end.

"What's the matter?"

"Because, Shou is, uhm... that person's..."

"Un?"

That person? Who?

...ahh, Helene huh.

Selene calls me Shou.

It's because I disguised myself using my aura when I first appeared in front of her. At that time, I'm carrying Helene by my side and swung the Demon Sword.

I see, Selene was charmed by that huh.

I embraced her tighter.

"Good job"

"...un"

Selene's cheeks blushed and timidly looked down.

And, she reservedly placed her forehead on my chest.

"How cute, maybe I should reward her some more"——but when I was thinking of that.

Selene's body gave away.

She collapsed just like a puppet with its strings cut.



I caught her in an embrace and peeked at her face.
Her eyes were shut and looked asleep.

“You got tired huh... good job”

It looks like the reward will be for the next time.
I carried her and took out the Magic Cottage.

I let her rest inside.
When I went out, one soldier was waiting.
It's a male soldier, but he's familiar.
I took off the aura that I applied.

The male soldier turned to a woman.
Slave troops, second platoon leader, Neora Comenena.
I used my aura to change her appearance and made her mix into Selene's side.

“Good job. You did great”
“Was that alright?”
“I was watching even from far away. Good job on gathering the soldiers in front of Selene just like I asked you to”
“Yes...”

Neora was somewhat looking down but she looks happy.

To let Selene gain confidence, there was a need to make a wall as thick as possible for her to breakthrough.
On top of that, a wall that was not weakened.

It is very easy for me or Nana, and my other capable women to make weakened soldiers line up in front of Selene. It's a piece of cake to hold back when the opponents are only soldier level.
However, if it were like that, then there would be no meaning. It was important to line up uninjured enemy soldiers in front of her as much as possible.

And so, there's Neora's turn.
She has a mysterious skill.
She can use a skill that would make her opponent's force against them and guide it to the direction she wishes to.

Even I lost my balance when I saw it for the first time.

I used that.

I disguised Neora and made her go to Selene's side.

And using that skill, she guided the soldiers towards Selene without injury.

She sent soldiers after soldiers endlessly towards her.

She continued to guide the enemy soldiers so that Selene would need to fight against them nonstop.

And Selene cut down all of those enemy soldiers.

She broke through a thick wall of enemy soldiers that was thicker than normal only using her own skill.

I did not lend her a hand at all. That made me happy the most.

That happiness completely turned into elation.

I gave orders to the nearby soldier.

It's not one of the slave soldiers nor one of my women. I ordered that ordinary soldier to contact Delfina, to tell her to occupy Hanya.

And, I turned to Neora.

"Neora, are you tired?"

"Not at all. I'm fine"

"I see. Then, I have another job for you"

"Yes! Please ask me anything!"

Neora replied in an army salute just like the other slave soldiers.

"Not that. Accompany me"

"Kakeru-sama's... ah...!"

Neora realized the meaning of that and blushed.

"Good girl"

I wrapped my arms around Neora's back and knees and carried her to another room inside the Magic cottage.

I loved her on the bed for doing the best job.



At night, on the outskirts of Hanya.
I drew out Eleanor who was stabbed into the ground.

I'm a kilometer away from Hanya. After that throwing attack pierced through the fortress, she continued to fly for another kilometer.

[You're late. What were you doing leaving me here]

"I made love with Neora"

[I do not know whether you're overprotective or a spartan educator]

"Who knows. But, there's only one thing I can say"

[What?]

"It's that Selene has become more of a good woman"

[I shall make a prediction as well]

"Un?"

[After you and your women are gone, this world will be in hell. Rebounds would always come after a golden era]

It's like that huh.

"Well, that doesn't matter right now. Only what's in front of me right now does"

[I see, what's in front of you huh]

I looked far ahead.

At the horizon within the darkness of the night. I could see a faint sand smoke being rolled up.

"As I've thought. They launched a night attack huh"

[Of course they would. If you look at our numbers, it is normal for them to counterattack while we are rebuilding our strength]

"How many are there?"

[More or less, about 3000. Ahh, I'll also add this. I feel that this night attack also includes an additional pursuit attack]

"I see"

I raised Eleanor.

How interesting. A well-prepared enemy of 3000.

It's only normal to immediately take back what was taken from you.
But too bad, you won't get through here.

[Umu. I understand now. You are overprotective after all]
“...”

[After all, you would go against an army of 3000 soldiers just for the safety of two women]

I flicked Eleanor who said that enjoyingly with a finger.
It's exactly as she says, but it's still annoying hearing it from her.

“You don't want to?”

[Not at all? I don't have complaints as long as you use me with your full strength]

“What a cheap woman, you are”

[Kukuku, that's exactly right. I am nothing but a cheap woman just for you]

Eleanor laughed even more happily.
This girl, she's also a good woman. I won't tell her though.

I gripped her hilt tightly and took a deep breath.
I sharpened my eyes and looked at the enemy in front of me.

“Let's go”
[Umu]

The Battle of Hanya, the second round.
The battle that made Eleanor satisfied ended during the night without anyone knowing.

Not even Selene nor Neora.
They were able to rest their bodies peacefully, to prepare for the next fight.

Chapter 184

Believe in Me

In Aegina Kingdom's army, Selene troops.

What originally was 200 men became 500 after taking in the soldiers that could move in Hanya.

Selene had sortied with those 500.

Her opponent is a 2000-men army under the banners of one of the three dukes, Duke Therios.

With such number difference, it is enough to capture a fortress with an open hole. Most of all, Selene intercepted them head-on.

With Neora who I placed beside her controlling the waves of enemy soldiers towards Selene who leads her army at the forefront, it was natural that a mountain of corpses has piled up in front of her.

And I'm watching that from the palanquin.

[It's about to change]

"..."

Soon after Eleanor said that, Selene's actions changed.

From the forms that she learned from numerous repetitions, to the movements that are most ideal for herself.

And it looked very similar to how I move.

Looking from here, I almost felt that there's another me who is moving over there. And after a moment since Selene's movements changed.

[The morale is raised]

"Yeah"

Because of the commander's movements changing, the morale of the soldiers was soaring.

The other soldiers started to overwhelm the enemy, not only those in the middle with Selene.

Eleanor and I were completely in a watching mood.

[By the way]

“n?”

[Do you know what some of those captured soldiers are calling her?]

“Selene? What is it?”

[They call her the Demon King’s Servant]

Eleanor’s enjoying laughter echoed inside my head.

“Demon King’s Servant? What the heck is that?”

[It would seem that it was started by someone who encountered you on the battlefield]

“Demon King’s Servant because she moves almost identical to me huh... and I’m the Demon King?”

[Kuku, you don’t like it?]

“Really? Demon King? When did I start to evolve to something like that”

[It’s an infamous name just suiting a human who exterminated a 3000 army without leaving anyone alive. The more it is, since you wield a Demon Sword]

“Fu～n”

[Well, the Demon Sword Wielder is more famous so it might not change, but——
kukuku, poor girl. There is probably no doubt that her infamous name would be the Demon King’s Servant]

“I should tell her myself later. She might like it”

[However... one would really change if one does, huh]

“Un?”

[That lass, she was just an arrogant, selfish girl just a while ago, but she’s a decent swordsman now]

“She had the talents for it”

[And lucky as well]

“Her will is quite strong too. That’s the most important thing”

[The only thing left is to raise her confidence]

I agreed with Eleanor.

While looking at Therios' Army who started to retreat with a devastating number of casualties.



Inside the Magic Cottage. Me, Helene, and Selene.

Helene is making a graceful yet calm look.

Compared to that, Selene had a timid and nervous expression.

It's good that she's not as arrogant and selfish as before, but it's also troubling that she's this timid.

I listened to Helene while thinking of a way to take care of that.

"The King of Aegina stood up to defeat the rebels and the one who is leading his army is Princess Selene. These two rumors have spread widely throughout the Aegina Kingdom and with the legitimate royal family their opponent, the Three Lords Regency has lost their just cause, and their soldiers are very apprehensive"

"That means this war is about to end"

"No, it would seem that the three dukes are claiming that the King and the Princess are impostors"

"They plan on resisting until the end huh"

"They're sure that Father's an impostor after all"

"Hmm"

Although King Aegina is alive, there is no difference in him being dead.

Not only there is no way to heal him, there is also no signs of him waking up.

According to Althea, such a disease cannot be cured by anyone.

The three dukes know that, that's why they also knew that the king that appeared on the battlefield is an impostor.

"No matter what they claim, when the King——"

Helene glanced at me.

"——returns to the Royal Capital, and shows himself to the people, it will all end"

"I agree... hm, Royal Capital?"

“What is it, Kakeru-sama?”

“...”

There’s something, something that’s just stuck at the tip of my tongue.
Hearing the word “royal capital”, I feel like I could recall something.

I deeply thought about it, that thing that’s just at the tip of my tongue.

[Do you need my help?]

“How would a Demon Sword help me remember some——Demon Sword!”

“Kakeru-sama?”

“Helene, do you remember the case with Iris?”

“Iris?”

“Demon Sword Xiphos”

“Yes, that Demon Swords where legends say that it was originally a single sword. It’s about the case of Mercouri and Aegina having one each, right?”

“Where is it?”

“If I am correct, it is within the King’s harem”

“Where’s the King’s harem?”

I asked Selene this time.

“I know that! Father’s harem right? It was in the Summer Palace”

“That place huh...”

I’ve been there before.

Yosh, I should go.

I should go get Xiphos in the Summer Palace.

“What are you planning to do with Xiphos?”

“I’ll go get it and give it to Selene. It would be the best for her right now”

A flash shone on Helene’s eyes. She reacted like she knows the infamous name, Demon King’s Servant.

And then, she said with a serious face.

“I completely agree. Although it is a Demon Sword, Xiphos is Aegina’s National Treasure. With a Princess who leads an army carries it to the battlefield, it would be a greater symbol”

“I see. I didn’t think that far”

All that I’m thinking of is raising Selene’s confidence, that’s why I asked myself what would be the best way to make the infamous name Demon Sword’s Servant suit her. Now that it’s mentioned, it’s also good as a symbol. Because of that, the more reason it is for me to go and take it.

“Uhm... Shou?”

“Un?”

“Even a stupid person like me knows. Xiphos is dangerous right? I heard that it would possess people’s hearts. Would someone like me——”

“You can. If it’s the you right now”

“But...”

“Selene”

I called her name and stared straight into her eyes.
Selene gasped and made her body look smaller.

I told her while looking at her.
With a strong, clear voice.

“Believe me who believes in you”

Selene’s eyes widened, and slowly, she nodded her head.

Chapter 185

Brainwash

I watched Selene sortie with her army on the top of a hill.
They left Hanya, marching towards a town called Amphis.

It is a town that supplies provisions and commodities to the Hanya Fortress. Although the town itself does not have any specialties, one could clearly see how well paved and maintained its roads leading to Hanya.

“Shall we go then”
[Umu]

I took out my Warp Feather and warped to a place I have visited before.
The Royal Capital Rethim, The Summer Palace.
It’s a place where I’ve visited with Selene and Helene.

“Hya! W-Who——”

I made the maid who I met instantly after appearing in the palace garden with a chop to her neck.
The maid fainted and collapsed. I pulled her to an embrace and hid her in the bushes.

[Why are you hiding her there? Are you planning on taking her home for later?]
“There would be a commotion if someone finds her lying on the ground right? I don’t like to find trouble before I get Xiphos”
[I see]

Eleanor was convinced.
I released my aura and enveloped myself.
It’s an aura that makes me invisible to other people.
As long as I’m enveloped by it, no one can see me unless they have the same level of power as Eleanor——in short, it’s almost impossible for anyone to see me.

“I just thought right now”

[Umu?]

“This, can Hikari see through it?”

[Oh Darling, are you worried about the daughter marrying off now?]

I flicked Eleanor who's making unfunny jokes.

“I'm not talking about that right now”

[Kuku. Don't worry. It would take Hikari a hundred years before she reaches my level]

It's not like I'm worried, but... I see.

Well then, I should start moving now.

“Eleanor, where's Xiphos? You can feel where it is right?”

[I'm trying since we arrived, but I can't find it. It's either it's being sealed, or it's not here anymore]

“Can you check which one it is?”

[...lend me your powers]

“My powers?”

[That one, that power lending ability of yours]

“Ahh, that huh. Alright, what should I lend you?”

[Your eyesight]

“You're literally looking for it?”

I found it a little surprising and funny.

“Lend Eleanor eyesight”

【Eyesight will be lent to Demon Sword Eleanor. Time Remaining: 4 minutes 59 seconds】

The instant I lent it to her, I could feel the obvious change in my eyesight.

I feel like the world looks as bad as it felt in my previous world.

[I found it]

“That's quick. Where is it?”

A map flowed into my head after I asked her.

It's the map inside the palace. It looks like it's a little far from here, deep inside the palace.

I went towards there.

Enveloped with the invisibility aura, while passing by guards and maids, I went straight towards the destination.

[Even so]

“n?”

[Including that time in Siracuza, you are really doing such a roundabout way of doing things. If you use me... if you use me and Hikari, you can end this way with a few warps and swinging of swords]

“If I do that, it won’t help Selene right?”

[That’s why I’m saying it’s a roundabout way]

I think so too though.

I continued to advance while chatting about unimportant things with Eleanor.

Deep inside the Summer Palace. I advanced deep enough that noises can’t be heard outside even if there’s a commotion.

I stopped encountering anyone and the air around me started to feel cold and still.

[It looks more like a prison than a palace quarter]

“Thank goodness I didn’t let Iris marry into here”

[I agree. This place doesn’t fit that girl]

Advancing furthermore, I arrived in front of a huge gate.

It’s a massive gate with the Aegina Kingdom’s emblem embedded on it.

“It’s here, huh...”

I touched the gate and sparks scattered.

[I told you it’s sealed]

“My bad, I forgot. What should I do?”

[You only need to use me and hit it. With full force]

A seal that strong—I thought, but I noticed it’s not like that.

Since I’ve been connected to Eleanor, I could somewhat feel her emotions.

This girl, she only wants to be swung in full force in the name of breaking the seal.

Since that night, when we watched the starry sky during the war in Siracuza, she started to wish more of this.

And of course, there's no reason for me to deny her of that. I unsheathed Eleanor and took a stance.

"Let's go"

[Umu]

I stepped forward and swung down Eleanor.

While I did so, I felt a little resistance from a barrier, but it easily disappeared with Eleanor and my full strength.

A hole was created just to fit a single person on the wall.

I entered and saw an altar.

It's an altar that looks similar to the one I saw in Mercouri.

One sword was placed on top of that altar.

The Demon Sword I came for, Xiphos.

"We found it"

[What will you do next?]

"Before that, there's something that I need to do"

I found a stone statue behind the altar where Xiphos is.

It's a stone statue twice as tall as an adult man, and wields a sword that looks similar to Xiphos.

It started to move. Its eyes glared at me with red light flashing from it.

——a guardian.

"I'll attack with full strength"

Eleanor's blade flashed with waves flowing through it.

I thought I heard some words like "is it an opponent worthy of that?".

It was not like I heard a voice or listened to such words.

It's just like what I felt earlier.

While feeling a little weird about knowing the wordless emotions from Eleanor, I charged towards the stone statue.

I hit it with Eleanor!

I split the stone statue into two.

“Just this much?”

[Looks like it’s not]

“It regenerates huh”

The stone statue that was split into two stood up. The place where I cut it stuck together.

And finally, it returned to normal, as if nothing happened to it.

[Kuku, that’s quite some regenerative ability]

Don!

The stone statue swung down its stone sword and the floor split and exploded.

“It looks quite powerful”

[How formidable]

“It looks formidable”

Though, I don’t think of that at all. It’s just a simple chat with Eleanor.

This time, I released a flurry of slashes and chopped the stone statue into pieces.

I reduced the stone statue into powder that scattered in the ground.

However, it immediately started to move, gather, and return to normal.

“What’s this? I think I met this guy before”

[You mean that lord of the valley?]

“Ahh, Orycuto. Yeah, this thing looks like him”

Orycuto, the stone monster that lives in Orycudite Valley.

Its feature is that it’s probably immortal. It would regenerate no matter how many times its destroyed and reduced to dust.

I continued my slashes with Eleanor. This time, I split into four with a cross slash.

The stone statue regenerates. It combined its four severed parts.

It regenerated back to normal, but——.

“The speed it regenerates is slower than before”

[It's not as strong as Orycuto huh]

“Since it's like that, what I need to do is obvious”

I broke the stone statue.

It regenerated, but I broke it again.

After it regenerated, I thoroughly crushed it.

The stone statue's regeneration speed decreased each time I destroyed it.

It regenerates completely within ten seconds at first, it then took a minute, then five minutes.

And finally, it stopped regenerating even though I've waited for ten minutes.

I looked down at the stone statue, no, the stone remains with Eleanor.

The guardian's defeated. Next is Xiphos.

Xiphos pulsed. It pulsed like the one from Mercouri.

[And then? What are you going to do?]

“Do you remember what we did when we left Rethim before?”

[When we took the King from here?]

“That's right. I'm going to do the same thing at that time”

[At that time?... ah!]

She finally remembered huh.

That's right. At that time, I released more powers than my 100%, grabbed the aura from Eleanor, and spread it throughout the royal capital.

The side-effect was, it turned Eleanor younger at that time.

[That was——]

“I'll do that with Xiphos. I'll mount it using your powers”

[...hou]

Eleanor who seemed to blush and flustered, started to seem to be having fun.

[You're brainwashing Xiphos huh, not the King]

“That’s right”

[Alright. Try to do it]

I approached Xiphos while holding Eleanor.

It pulsed stronger. The light it released from its blade started to look more sinister.

Just like all Demon Swords do.

However——it was far weaker than Eleanor.

I released the aura and enveloped Xiphos.

I felt resistance, but I didn’t care and suppressed it.

Just like suppressing a raging dog by pushing its head down.

I eroded the raging Xiphos with Eleanor’s aura.

What was born was a pure, honest, child-like personality.

Chapter 186

Holy Sword and Princess

I grabbed Xiphos.

Dokun!——

Although it's incomparably weaker to what I felt before, it certainly has a pulse.

It felt like a frightened child who was punished.

There should be no problem even if I give this to Selene.

[This is too absurd that I can't even laugh]

"What?"

[Although it's inferior to me, to think that you'd reduce something in the level of a Demon Sword to this]

"Have anyone ever done something like this before?"

[Absolutely not]

"What about you? Did you never tried it before?"

[There is no human who has been able to use me before]

It means everyone else was manipulated by Eleanor huh.

[I never get bored with you, really. You're making me see new things one next to the other]

"I'll show you another thing soon"

[Umu? Ahh, the limited time lottery huh]

I nodded.

The limited time lottery ticket that appears every significant thing achieved.

I should get something new from there.

I could feel Eleanor looking forward to it.

And, I also started to look forward to it.



I returned to Hanya for once and went to Amphis.

I followed the countless footsteps, the marks of the army, and arrived at the point where both armies collide.

“Un? They’re being pushed back?”

My eyesight is still lent to Eleanor, so I unconsciously placed a hand above my eyebrows to try and look around.

[Both sides retreated. It looks like they have mutual casualties]

“I see”

I just stayed where I was.

After a while, the vanguard of the kingdom’s army that retreated came and stopped in front of me.

“Shou!”

It was Selene who returned.

There was not much blood on her, nor she looks tired as well.

I got curious why and asked.

“You retreated quickly”

“Un, this person——”

Selene pointed at the soldier beside her.

I knew it with a look. It’s Neora who I asked to stay with Selene that I used my aura to disguise.

“——said it isn’t good to chase too far, and we should retreat temporarily”

“Are you injured?”

“I’m not”

“But you retreated that easily”

“After all, I can’t judge what I need to do”

Selene frankly said.

She said it naturally just like eating when one is hungry.

I glanced at Neora.

“It was a brilliant withdrawal”

It means she really retreated as soon as she was told to huh.

[How obedient]

“She’s so obedient that it’s scary”

“Scary?”

Selene tilted her head with a clueless look.

She herself doesn’t understand, but I guess that’s fine for now.

Rather than that——I took out Xiphos and handed it to Selene.

“This is——the Holy Sword of Pacification, Xiphos”

“Holy Sword?”

[For Aegina, that is]

“I see”

“What’s with this?”

“I went to get it. Use it”

“Un, I got it”

Selene received Xiphos readily.

It felt anticlimactic, but, ahh... this is the current Selene huh.

[Kuku, I’m looking forward to her future]

I sent a flick of a finger to Eleanor who seems making fun of it rather than looking forward to it.

And from the start again, I told Selene.

“Continue using that from now on. We have the King, and a princess wielding the Holy Sword of Pacification(?). With that, the noble cause is with us”

It’s the excuse I thought beforehand in case Selene didn’t want to receive it. Although there’s no need for it anymore, I still told her that to be sure.

“It was like that huh! Un, I got it! Thank you, Shou!”

Selene gripped Xiphos and stared at it intently.

Xiphos’s blade pulsed with red light.

The surrounding soldiers other than Neora raised their voices with awe.

The soldiers are human too. Xiphos is probably a special existence for them.

“Un, it’s alright, I won’t bully you”

“You’re talking to Xiphos?”

“It’s saying ‘I’ll be good, so don’t bully me anymore.’ “

“And you easily told it you won’t bully it...”

I thought for a second and told Selene.

“Selene, I think you know this, but Xiphos is just a child right now”

“Un”

“Since it’s a child, you must scold it when it doesn’t listen to what it’s said”

“I need to scold it?”

Selene looked at me and Xiphos alternately.

Her face looks like she can’t decide which one to listen to with two opinions.

She wavered for a while, but she finally raised her head and looked straight at me.

“I got it. I’ll listen to what Shou says”

Xiphos’s blade released a pulse.

It looks like it’s panicking.

“Shou’s... really amazing. Xiphos is an amazing sword that even I know, and it’s protected by a great seal too. He just took it so easily”

On the other hand, Selene who’s holding Xiphos started to look at me with an increasingly passionate gaze.



I suggested to Selene who gained Xiphos to sortie once again.
Selene swung Xiphos gallantly in their second attack.

Most of the enemy soldiers that Neora gathered for her got stunned seeing Xiphos and got defeated soon after.

Princess Selene appeared wielding Xiphos.
That information quickly spread within the enemy army and their morale plummeted as quickly.
They fell into a total collapse just within an hour from the start of the battle and started to turn tail.

[Kuku, too bad huh. It all ended before that lass got tired. I would really like to see your movements while wielding Xiphos]

I flicked Eleanor with a finger for being talkative.

Selene and Xiphos.
The power that I gave her granted her an unexpectedly easy victory.

And that, was the start of her army's steady but powerful advance.

Chapter 187

The Dog in the Garden

Before sorting out, I helped Selene train.

I helped her train moving around in front of the eyes of the soldiers.

I only stopped when Selene's breathing got rough and when her movements were clearly out of strength.

"Yosh, let's leave it here. You should rest before your next sortie"

"Haa... haa... I got it"

Selene staggered to her feet and left, while being supported by Neora who transformed. After I saw them off, Helene silently approached me.

"Was that good enough?"

"Yes. Moderately reducing her stamina just before sorting out. As expected of Kakeru-sama"

"And the reason to reduce Selene's stamina is?"

"Her Highness Selene became famous"

While raising her fan, Helene looked towards Selene and spoke calmly.

"The Demon King's Servant, The War Princess of the Holy Sword. No matter which, it became famous. And for such people to appear on the battlefield, there would generally be two kinds of reactions"

"The first one is?"

"The awe from fear. I believe that it is a reaction that Kakeru-sama knows very well"

I nodded. It's true that many people look at me with such eyes.

"The second one is?"

"The ambition for fame. It is from wishing to become famous for defeating someone with an infamous name. I have heard that Ropogis's Guardian General, Toto Caisalis is a man with a strong ambition, and it is said that he is confident in his swordsmanship"

as well”

“That’s sounds like the type of person who would charge towards Selene without any fear. Isn’t it dangerous reducing her stamina?”

Helene calmly reached out her hand, pointing far away with her fan.

“In that place called Yakore Valley, the Mage Troops that was newly made from the absorbed soldiers is waiting. I would ask of Her Highness Selene to engage them to a battle for once, feign into a retreat, and lure them to Yakore Valley”

“Then, you’ll attack them with a focus fire huh”

Helene nodded.

“Her Highness Selene is a clumsy person. Although she would obediently retreat when she is advised to do so, it would be suspicious if she retreats with full of vigor”

“That’s why you asked me to make her lose some stamina huh”

“According to the reports, Her Highness’s fighting style is spreading widely together with her name. They say ‘her movements would change when she becomes tired’”

“It is easy to tell when she’s already tired, huh... I see”

“After luring them to the Mage Troops followed by a concentrated attack, Her Highness would be recovered with the magic ball that Kakeru-sama possesses, and launch a counterattack”

“I see”

I called Neora.

I told her everything what I heard from Helene, and while telling her not to tell Selene, I gave her a magic ball from my Different Dimension Warehouse.

I watched Neora run towards Selene.

It is very rare to have this kind of strategy. Up until now, it was enough with me having as the main attacker and break through using force.

Since the main attacker is Selene, there’s a need to do a lot of things.

While it was to make Selene grow confidence,

Unexpectedly, I’m able to see one of the Twin Flowers of Teresa, the Strategist Helene’s dazzle.

It’s what one calls a happy miscalculation.



And Helene, she continued and said to me.

“One other thing. I want to ask Kakeru-sama something that only he could do”
“Tell me”

Helene who smiled gracefully while holding her fan with both hands looked more and more dazzling.



The two armies collided.

The Selene Troops that the War Princess of the Holy Sword leads, and Therios Army that the Ropogis's Guardian General, the subordinate of Duke Therios, Toto Caisalis leads.

The difference between the soldiers is 1 to 3. As usual, Selene is fighting with fewer soldiers.

Early on, Selene who was supported by Neora showed her breakthrough ability at its full capacity, canceling the numerical disadvantages and fought them at an equal standing.

Though it was only equal until Toto appeared.

As soon as he appeared on the frontlines, he quickly found Xiphos, and attacked straight towards Selene.

Selene's movement quickly changed because of the training with Kakeru earlier and the stamina she lost during the battle.

Her movements changed from the stances that she trains on, to the splitting image of Kakeru's movements.

Toto revealed a smile. He had already known the information about Selene's movements changing when she gets tired.

Neora suggested a retreat, and Selene accepted her suggestion quickly, and started to retreat.

Toto pursued them happily.

Toto and the Therios Army were lured to Yakore Valley just as planned and was

showered with attacks from the Mage Troops positioned at the top of the cliff.

It rained fireballs from the sky.

Although it is a beginner magic, it could use to burst and could repeatedly be casted, so it's the most popular magic in the Mage Troops.

Suffering such attacks, the Therios Army fell into confusion and Toto was forced to take control of the chaos.

And there, Selene Troops' counterattack started.

Selene who have recovered using the magic ball, just like Neora suggested——and just like Helene planned, attacked the Therios Army.

The momentum was completely on Selene Troops' side, the Therios Army's fell into more confusion, and started to collapse.

They desperately ran away from Yakore Valley, trying to escape.

The Demon Sword Wielder was gazing down upon them while that all happened.



“Let's do it”

[That again huh]

“What? You don't want to?”

[I won't complain if it's at full force]

“I see”

I held Eleanor with a reverse grip, lowering my body, and just like a bowstring being pulled, I gathered the aura to my right hand.

And, I threw Eleanor. I threw her towards the entrance of Yakore Valley that the Therios Army tries to escape from.

The mountain shook, and after screams coming from both enemy and allies.

A crater, no, a cliff was made at the entrance of the valley.

Eleanor who I threw at full force gouged off the ground, creating a cliff that has a bottom one could not see.

Looking at that, I remembered Helene's words.

“If there were a bridge, I would’ve liked to drop that bridge, but such a thing doesn’t exist in the terrain, so I want to ask Kakeru-sama to make one. Although it’s also fine to simply create a landslide that blocks the path.”
“I see. I got it.”

A seemingly bottomless hole suddenly appearing at the entrance of the valley. Seeing that, I got satisfied, completing what Helene asked for.
And while that happened, the battlefield had stopped.

Both the enemy and the allies were stunned and flabbergasted by the sudden destruction of the terrain, making the fight almost pausing.
But there was still one who has yet to stop.
A person who would only do what she was told and what she thinks all that she could do. It’s Selene.

She continued to charge. Charge alone in the battlefield where the enemies and allies are mixed together.
And, Eleanor who I retrieved said enjoyingly.

[As I’ve thought, that lass is going to be a big one]

She said with a laugh.
And, the Therios Army that was trapped was mostly defeated and some captured.

Selene became more and more famous.

Chapter 188

Super Fast Ball and Magic Ball

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Calamba Kingdom's Royal Capital, Meteora.

Queen Rica is sitting on her throne in the audience hall of the palace.

In front of her was one middle-aged man. It is a man wearing excellent clothes while possessing a noble bearing.

After reading a letter containing the watermark of a certain family crest, Rica talked to the man.

“In short, Duke Annis wishes to borrow soldiers”

“To put it briefly, yes”

“I see. By the way, I would like to ask one thing”

Rica stated haughtily from her throne.

Graceful and beautiful while emanating intelligence, with wisdom showing in her eyes.

She possessed them even before, but recently, it is being told that she now possesses the dignity of a ruler as well.

The man who came as a emissary of Annis, a Duke of Aegina Kingdom, was slightly overwhelmed by her presence.

His name is Morris. A veteran who had experienced many negotiations as a subordinate of Annis. However, he was still slightly overwhelmed by Rica.

“I have heard that the one who leads your enemy army is the King himself?”

“We believe that that person is an impostor. The King, His Majesty, is bedridden with an incurable disease. Although His Majesty has managed to survive thanks to Solomon's Miracle, the Archbishop says that there is no hope for His Majesty to recover even his consciousness. We do not know who that person is, but he is a

complete impostor”

“I see. Do the people believe that?”

“Uu...!”

Morris got stuck between his words.

Although Rica’s words were short, it was a critical attack.

“You never told the people about the King’s disease up until now”

“It is all for the sake of the stability of the Kingdom...”

“You announced that ‘it is like this’ only after the King appeared. Do you really believe that the people would trust that?”

“That is...”

“Moreover”

Rica continued with a serious face.

Her dignity——the pressure coming from her strengthened.

“I heard that it is Princess Selene who is leading that army through battlefields. In the Princess’s hands is Aegina Kingdom’s nation pacifying treasure, as well as the origin of the noble titles, Holy Sword Xiphos. Are these two fake as well?”

“That is...”

“There are many people who know Aegina’s Holy Sword. Xiphos itself has a presence that one would be convinced that it is genuine if that one witnessed it himself. The real Princess wielding the real Holy Sword, if so, then the King that she is protecting is real as well”

Rica did not add “for the people” intentionally.

There is a culture of thinking that it is inelegant to say the subject in cases like this when “both” sides knows about the truth.

Also, there are cases when the words of the one who omitted it would feel stronger. Rica knows that very well, that’s why she did it.

Morris was unable to come up with anything to say back.

It is Rica who held the initiative.

“Although it is the Three Lords Regency, I heard that everything started with Duke Therios. There are also rumors about the other two being deceived”

“——eh?”

Morris was so surprised that his eyes almost popped out.

That’s not true. He’s a loyal subordinate of Annis. The Three Lords Regency was coordinated by the three, Therios, Annis, and Gate. It is definitely not started just by Therios alone.

“And, right now, I also heard that it is only Duke Therios who is at war with the Kingdom’s army”

“That is... yes”

“The people would be on the Kingdom Army’s side as long as the King is “real”. If you were “deceived”, isn’t it not late to turn back right now?”

“...that is not something I can decide myself”

“Of course it is not. You should mention this to Duke Annis. I would even lend a hand if it is needed”

“Her Majesty will?”

“I have a personal relationship with Princess Selene. Yes, a “personal” one”

Rica said and Morris’s expression became grave.

Rica is indirectly saying this, “I know everything because I have connections with Selene”.

And also, “I’ll help you if you want to back away now”.

“...I would like to ask for a while. I shall convey this to my Master”

“You should hurry up. If it’s completely at a disadvantage, one would only be a defeated army’s general. You should surrender while you’re at an advantage, or at worst, equal”

“I understand, but——”

“By the way”

Rica interrupted Morris’s excuse.

“If it’s right now, I heard that Duke Annis’s title of Duke would be guaranteed, and his second son would be given the title of a Baron”

“We are not asking——ah no, please excuse me”

A scream-like voice came out of Morris’s mouth.

“I understood. I shall immediately convey this to my Master”

“Also”

“Eh?”

Morris had a face of “there’s still more?!”.
Rica slightly softened her tone.

“About this, I have Princess Selene’s approval with it. I heard that Duke Annis’s third daughter named Alice is a very intelligent girl”

“H-Haa...”

“That girl, I would like to have her here. It’s not a hostage. The Garden of Roses. You have heard it before?”

“Oh...”

Morris lost his words.

Giving and taking daughters between royals and nobles would only be either a hostage, or an alliance that would strengthen their families.

If it is true that it’s not a case of giving a hostage, then the House of Duke Annis would possess a thick pipe to the Calamba Kingdom.

It would originally be a huge problem for Annis, an Aegina noble, to be directly connected to Calamba, but that problem does not exist if the top echelons, the Queen and the Princess, have agreed on it.

And, Rica’s “Garden of Roses”, the Queen’s Harem is very famous among the nobles. It is a well-known rumor that Rica is gathering intelligent women.

Guaranteeing the noble title, additional noble title, and a connection with the Queen. For Annis, rather than a war which is uncertain who would win, it is clear that anyone would choose this one.

Using the carrot and the stick, making it so that there is virtually only one choice. It is Calamba’s Queen, Rica Calamba who did such a feat.



Siracuza Kingdom’s Royal Capital, Adoria.

In the guest house in the courtyard of the royal palace, the Purosu Diner.

The building that does not fit into the gorgeous palace.

Inside that store that was full of empty seats, Duke Gate’s emissary, Carisal is

occupying one seat.

And in there, wearing an apron and a kerchief, in her poster-girl attire, Fiona brought him his food.

“Sorry to keep you waiting. Here’s your mountain cow fried rice. This is this store’s most recommended”

“...what kind of joke is this?”

“A-re? Do you hate mountain cows? Do you like vegetables more?”

“No, I’m not talking about that. I’m asking why in the world am I taken to this place. I was told that I’ll be having a meal with the Queen Her Highness after resting for a while in the guest house”

“That’s right. This place is that guest house. It’s called Purosu Diner”

“What kind of joke is this? This is why commoners are...”

“Ahaha”

Fiona smiled innocently.

“Dear Customer, what did you came for?”

“It’s not something that I can tell a brat like you”

“Isn’t it alright? Ah! Dear Customer, do you like alcohol? I’ll serve you good ones if you tell me?”

“Good alcohol?”

“Yes. Although it looks like this, this is a proper guest house. It is the food that Her Majesty the Queen would eat, so good ingredients are used. Of course, the drinks too. For example, that one... what was it again? Alcohol that was fermented and distilled four times?”

“Four times?!”

“They say that it tastes amazing you know? Also, that it’s only served to state guests. Are you interested?”

“...well, just a bit should be alright”

“Okay～! Marie, take ‘that’ out”

Marie appeared from the back of the store.

Holding an expensive looking bottle, she put down a shot glass, and poured the bottle’s contents in.

The alcohol’s rich fragrance filled the inside of the store instantly.

It's a rich fragrance that would make any alcohol-lover almost tipsy even at this point.

"Dear Customer, here's your drink"

"U-Umu"

Carisal lightly cleared his throat, then drank the alcohol with an "it can't be helped" face.

"How was it?"

"Q-Quite decent it is"

Although Carisal said that, his face was honest.

His mind and body were drunk from the delicious alcohol, and the corner of his eyes was already drooping.

"Well then, please tell us. Just a little bit is fine, okay?"

"Well, let me see... hm, just this much should be alright. My Master, Duke Gate wishes to make contact with His Majesty the King"

"Eh? Why?"

"It's to end the war smoothly. Since His Majesty the King is on the other side, the people would not support us. It's impossible to win"

"I see. But why would he want to tell that to Siracuzza's Queen?"

"I can't tell——"

"I know! Since we're at it, drink a bit more"

Fiona poured more alcohol into his glass.

The service of a poster girl and a delicious alcohol especially for state guests.

Those were enough to make Carisal open his mouth.

Carisal drank it with one shot, became high-spirited with the taste of the good alcohol, and said.

"This Kingdom's Queens are connected to the Demon Sword Wielder right? And, just keep this between us, but it is said that that King's an impostor that the Demon Sword Wielder is controlling from the dark. He brought the real one with him after all. And the Princess Her Highness is using a swordsmanship that's identical to the Demon Sword Wielders"

"Fumu, fumu"

"That's why you want to get an audience with the Queen Her Majesty and ask to get

contact with the Demon Sword Wielder”

“I see, I see. But why to Siracuza? Ummm——”

Inside Fiona’s head, she reorganized the human relations in an instant.

The human relations that are clearly showing on the surface.

“Isn’t Mercouri’s His Majesty the King good too? Right, the Demon Sword Wielder-san’s face is being used in Mercouri’s new currency”

“Mercouri’s impossible. That’s a complete sovereign. There are no gaps that can be used”

“There’s none?”

“In that point, Siracuza’s Queens are illegitimate children, born and raised by commoners. There’s no doubt that this one’s easier”

“Is that so?”

Fiona smiled warmly.

On the other side, Marie made a faint wry smile.

“Well, that’s about it. Come on, give me more”

“Okay okay”

“Ahh, you can go now. You girl there. You fill my cup”

“Me?”

“Yeah”

“G-Got it”

Marie took the bottle and poured it towards Carisal’s glass——that instant, her wrist was grabbed by him.

“Aren’t you quite cute as a diner girl?”

“T-Thank you very much”

“Are you free tonight?”

“Eh, uhm, uh...”

“Fufufu, your hand’s this small and smooth”

Carisal brushed the back of Marie’s hand.

Suddenly, he felt a hard bump.

He touched the ring Marie’s wearing on her thumb.

“What’s this? Why is there a ring on your thumb——thumb?!”

Astonished, Carisal’s became paler than white.

The ring on the thumb that symbolizes authority and the crest of Siracuza engraved on that ring.

Marie is wearing that and so as Fiona.

Carisal noticed the ring on the two——and noticed their identity.

Blood flushed out of his head and fainted with foams appearing from his mouth.



At night, in the Magic Cottage, inside the master’s bedroom.

There are three women on the bed.

Fiona and Marie who placed their rings from their thumb to their ring finger, sleeping together while holding hands.

And, the other one is Rica.

She is still awake, spoiling herself within my arms.

Rica, Fiona, and Marie.

These Queens virtually immobilized two of the three Dukes, so I made love with them as a reward.

“Sorry, Kakeru”

“With what?”

“I placed a girl into your harem without permission”

“It’s your harem, so don’t mind it. In the first place, you wanted her since she’s promising right?”

“Un, the third daughter, Alice Annis. She’s a little strong-willed, so she does not get along well with her father, but I heard that she’s an intelligent girl. I was planning on asking you to save her in case you were to fight with her”

“There’s no need to apologize if it’s a girl you put your eyes on”

“Un. I’ll check carefully if she’s a girl who’s worthy of Kakeru”

“Ahh, do your best”

While answering like that, I thought.

Not only the problem was solved through proper politics and diplomacy, she also obtained what she wanted.

I thought that she's an intelligent girl since we first met, but recently, I think that she's becoming more and more intelligent.

Fiona and Marie were also amazing.

The things that they possess, it was used in their uttermost way, gaining an advantage against the emissary.

The three of them are all good women.

And while I was thinking of that, Fiona and Marie suddenly woke up and came to me.

"Kakeru-san... we..."

"Were we of use to Kakeru-san?"

I thought "it doesn't matter whether they are or not", but I also thought it's unnecessary to say that out loud.

"Yeah, you helped me a lot"

When I said that, both Fiona and Marie, even Rica turned to a smile.
To a beautiful smile, that as if flowers had just bloomed.

The three of them, there's a limit to being cute!

Chapter 189

Clearing the Deck

Melina vi Therios.

The current head of the House of Therios that was involved in the founding of Aegina Kingdom.

That House of Therios has a history of once having the crisis of discontinuation of their House, and survived through adoption from the royal family.

Because of that, Melina believes that he is a part of a royal family, having the bloodline of the House of Aegina.

Possessing the blood of the royal family, although having the title of the Duke makes Therios a top existence within the Aegina Kingdom, having an abnormally strong lust for authority, he was unable to be content in his current status.

The places which a person who is not content with the title of the Duke can aim for is limited.

Melina's ambition naturally turned to Aegina's summit.

The beast called ambition was completely released from its cage after the King collapsed and the Crown Prince fell.

Melina drew Annis and Gate, bringing the ancient system, the Three Lords Regency to them, and attempted to seize power.

After seizing that power, he had already planned on erasing the two other Dukes, namely Annis and Gate.

With thorough preparation, his coup d'état should've succeeded.

If only the Demon Sword Wielder did not exist.



"Damn you! Annis and Gate! Damn you, making a fool of me!"

In the Royal Capital, Rethim.

In the best room of the Winter Palace, the palace of the king, the center of authority, Melina threw the two letters he had finished reading to the ground.

Unable to be content with that, he stomped on those letters many times. His face turned red, his obese body that was made by power and money was already out of breath just by doing that, with huge drops of sweat dripping down from it.

Gacha

The door opened, one man came to Melina.
A man who have once assisted Selene, Abraham.

Right now, he is working for Melina who had entered the core authority of the Kingdom through a legit way called Three Lords Regency.

“What happened, Lord Duke?”

“Read those letters! Those two... making a fool out of me!”

Abraham quietly picked up the letters and read them one after the other. Although his expression became solemn in the middle of reading them, he was still able to finish them with a cool head.

“Duke Gate is recuperating due to his sickness, and Duke Annis will transfer the headship of their family to his eldest son, huh”

“What an absurd thing to do at this timing! What sickness! What transfer the headship! How spineless you are for wincing for just a little thing!”

“Please excuse me for saying this, but His Majesty is on their side”

“It’s an impostor!”

“However, the people——”

“An impostor is an impostor!”

“...Her Highness Selene is with them”

“The Three Lords Regency has more legitimacy than a single princess!”

“..... Xiphos is also with them”

“That is just a chunk of moldy iron!”

“ ... ”

Abraham closed his mouth.

He understood that there would be no meaning to whatever he tells Melina.

No, it might be more accurate to say that he was disappointed and gave up on him.

He gave up on the man in front of him who illogically denied everything like a fool.

However, he still had the clear mind not to show that on his face. Without showing the disappointment he has towards Melina, Abraham followed what he was saying.

“It is exactly as Lord Duke says. With only an impostor, a princess, and an ancient relic, the legitimacy is within Lord Duke’s hands. If so, then there is only one problem”

“What! What is the problem?”

“It’s the enemy army. This is the single and the greatest problem. Since it is now in the shape of a war, nothing will end if they are not annihilated

“Only that?! Gather soldiers, make the civilians enlist as well”

“It is unfortunate, but——”

Abraham chose his words carefully.

Abraham used the words that Melina likes and the words he is able to accept.

“People are stupid. They only believe what they see with their eyes. No matter if it’s an impostor, just a princess, or an ancient relic, these combinations would look like the real thing in the eyes of the foolish mass. I believe that it is very difficult to gather soldiers starting now”

“Whatever! Just gather them, gather whatever you can!”

“...yes”

Melina was enraged more than what Abraham expected, so much that one cannot exchange a conversation with him.

Abraham became more and more disappointed.

He tried to come up with something, while lamenting on his luck in choosing his liege.

“That’s right, there’s a way!”

“Lord Duke?”

“Do you know Shinai?”

“Yes... it’s the key point in the borders, for many years, it has defended against Comotoria——wait?!”

“Borrow soldiers from Comotoria with the condition of giving them that”

“Lord Duke, please reconsider it! If Shinai was given to them, our Kingdom’s second biggest city, Tabol shall be completely undefended. Moreover——”

“If this goes on, this Kingdom will be stolen by an impostor. One or two Tabols, it’s cheap as long as I can protect my Kingdom”

“What...!”

Abraham couldn't help but lose his words with that.
Tabol is not something that they could afford to give to an enemy.

Tabol is not a simple city.
It is made in as a backup in the case where there is an emergency, as a place for the royal family to escape. The roads leading from the Royal Capital Rethim and Tabol are well maintained, on top of that, there are also fortresses along the roads.

It is nigh-impossible to capture Tabol from Rethim, it is made in such a way.

If Shinai were given away, then Tabol would come as well. If Tabol was taken away as well, then it is the same as giving away half of this Kingdom.

It was something that an Aeginean must never do.
That's why he desperately resisted and tried to object.

The angered Melina called soldiers, made them capture Abraham and keep him in the cells.
That one case with Abraham was only a tip of the iceberg.

Following the advance of the Kingdom Army, the people that have proper minds around Melina disappeared one by one.



In Comotoria Kingdom's Royal Capital, Krades.
I'm naked, sitting on a stool in the middle of the elegant main bathroom, while letting Aura who's wearing a maid uniform wash me.

There are also several other maids, however, they are not moving directly to serve me, at most, they would help Aura wash me.
Aura is washing my body earnestly.

"How is it? Kakeru"
"It feels quite nice. You're good at washing huh"
"I'm usually having my maids wash me, but it feels good, so I learned it so I can wash Kakeru"
"I see. Thank you"

I turned to Aura, held her chin, and kissed her.
Although blushing, Aura continued to wash me.
I let her do what she wants, and started to speak of the reason why I came here.

"I want to ask something of you"

"Other than educating Selene?"

"That's right"

"I got it. Just tell me"

"Pretty soon, an emissary from Duke Therios will come to this Kingdom"

"How do you know it's here?"

"By the process of elimination. The more that Mercouri uses its currency, the more it shows my involvement with them. Siracuza and Calamba were already contacted by the other two, so they would also be avoided. If so, this is the only place where Therios could contact"

"I see"

"About 90%, that guy would ask to borrow soldiers with the condition of ceding territory. The other possibilities would be money or women"

"Isn't that...?"

Aura enjoyingly said while rubbing my back.

"It's because Kakeru made it so that's all that he could do"

"That's slightly wrong. It's Helene who did that. I just guessed from the situation that that's the most probable thing that would happen in the current situation"

"I see"

"According to Helene, they'd probably borrow soldiers with Shinai as the condition"

"...if that's true, then what an amazing offer it would be"

Aura's hands stopped for an instant and said with a serious tone.

Is it really that amazing? Giving Shinai away.

"You want to take it? Shinai"

"Kakeru's planning to add Selene to your harem right?"

"Yeah, that's why I'm doing all of these things"

"If so, even if Comotoria gets it, it's just the same with Aegina having it"

"I see. If so, I'll ask you again. Just extend the negotiations as it fits. I want to let Selene slay Therios after all"

"I got it. Leave it to me"

While accepting readily, Aura continued to wash me.

After a while, another maid entered, ran and whispered to Aura.
I caught it with my 777x hearing.

“A person who names himself the emissary of Aegina’s Duke Therios has asked for an audience”

Aura nodded and made the maid go back.

“It’s as Kakeru has expected”

“Can I leave it to you then?”

“If you would listen to one of my requests”

“What? Tell me”

“The maids over there, they’re girls who are very hard-working”

Hearing Aura mention them, I looked at the maids around us.

“...if you take care of them after me”

“You’re using me as a reward?”

“After all, it’s the greatest reward that I can give them. Having Kakeru meet them and feel special”

“I see”

After hearing that much, there’s no way I can refuse.

After making love with Aura, I made all the maids let me listen to their heart.

I granted all of them the first time that they wished for.



Just like that, Therios was completely buried starting from his surroundings.
The end of the war is near.

Chapter 190

Further Evolution

The Kingdom Army continued its advance, continuously getting bigger while absorbing more captured soldiers.

They are all originally citizens of the same Kingdom, and this army is one with a great cause because of the King and the Holy Sword that Kakeru acquired.

Most of the soldiers did not show much resistance and quickly joined the Kingdom Army.

There were also some who waved their white flags even before engaging a battle. Gradually, the military strength of both sides was reversed. The Kingdom Army had exceeded the number of the Duke's Army's soldiers.

Reaching this point, with the scale of the battles, the victory was no longer singlehandedly decided by Selene's troops.

Although Selene continued to show her battle prowess, that was all.

The situation of the war changed quicker than Selene's growth, increasing its scale as if a snowball falling from a slope, advancing towards the climax.



"Shou, do you have time right now?"

In the encampment, inside my Magic Cottage.

Selene came to visit when I was listening to Helen's strategy for the next battle.

She entered through the door, but——she seems somewhat strange.

She's wearing a gloomier expression than usual.

"What's the matter?"

"Uhm... you know..."

"Don't hold back if you want to say something. I'll tell you if it's something I can't accept"

“O-Okay. Uhm, you know, Shou. The healing ball that Shou uses for me to heal my wounds”

“You’re talking about the magic ball?”

“Un, that. I wonder if I could have one”

“It’s fine, but... were you injured?”

I looked at Selene. She doesn’t look like she’s injured.

Or rather, I asked Neora to always carry magic balls, so she should’ve used them if Selene was injured.

That was not the case, but she’s asking me directly.

Something must have happened.

“T-There’s a person I want to use it to. A person I want to save!”

“Hmm”

[What are you going to do?]

Eleanor asked and I thought.

There’s no problem at all giving Selene something like a magic ball as much as she wants them, but I’m interested about why it turned to a situation that she would ask me like this.

“Alright. Is one enough?”

“Un! Thank you Shou!”

Selene became delighted——received the magic ball with a face of relief, and left the cottage.

While that happened, I asked Helene to wait there, hid myself using my aura and followed Selene.

Selene walked through the encampment where the number of soldiers has increased a lot. She’s holding the magic ball with both hands very carefully.

“Princess! Where are you going? I shall accompany you as a guard”

“Princess, it is cold tonight, please wear this coat”

“Princess——”

Selene continued to advance with soldiers calling out to her one next to the other.

All of them seemed very friendly, and clearly calls out to her with respect and

admiration.

[She's quite popular]

"That's a good thing. Thinking about the future, it is absolutely better that she's respected by soldiers and the people"

[Don't you feel jealous?]

"Why would I be jealous by this?"

[Hmm. By the way, a boy who lives near the mansion seems to be giving Hikari feverous gazes]

"...tell me his name and what his face looks like later"

"Kukuku", Eleanor laughed.

I continued to follow Selene and arrived at a tent.

I entered the tent with Selene.

There are a few injured soldiers inside. Most of them have light injuries, and Selene ignored them, going straight to the back of the room.

There was a heavily injured soldier there.

He's lying on the ground with his chest moving erratically and breathes roughly.

A military physician came to Selene's side while she stared at that soldier.

"Princess"

"What will happen to him?"

"..."

The military physician shook his head. It looks like his condition was not good.

"He saved Princess. He must be honored risking his life saving you"

[Hmm, it looks like it's a soldier who got wounded from protecting her]

"Come to think of it, Selene Troops were a little slow on retreating today"

[They was too deep within the enemy lines because of the usual charge attack, so they got isolated as a result]

"This soldier probably got wounded when he protected Selene at that time"

[It's probably about time to change her actions]

"I guess so"

Selene knelt towards the injured soldier, and pushed the magic ball that she held as if it's a world-protecting treasure towards that man's chest.

"Princess! You will be soiled with blood——"

The military physician tried to stop her, but the magic ball activated.
The healing light enveloped the heavily injured soldier, illuminating the whole tent.

While being satisfied with Selene's expression changing to a good one unlike when I met her earlier.

I turned away from the soldier who was being healed, secretly leaving the tent with my appearance hidden.



The next day, the Kingdom Army sortied after changing its formation.
It was changed to one that would not let Selene Troops isolated within the enemy lines, while allowing both engaging armies to see the "Princess and the Holy Sword" when they met.
After changing the formation to that, the army marched towards the next town.

But suddenly, the reconnaissance that cleared the way ahead flew back to the Selene Troops in a panic.

"This is bad, Princess!"
"What happened?"
"Ebal! Ebal is burning!"
"What?!"

Selene was stunned. She quickly took the horse that the reconnaissance used and rushed towards Ebal.

Selene forcefully made the horse run even though she was not good at horse riding. Although the horse almost changed into a raging one, despite being almost thrown off, Selene desperately clung to the horse and made it advance.

And what she arrived at, was the town of Ebal that was completely changed.
The town was burned.

“No... why?!”

“Princess!”

Neora caught up with her together with the Selene Troops.

Selene did not give them a glance, quickly running around the town.

There was an unbelievably small number of casualties compared to the size of the town.

But without understanding what that indicates, Selene ran around desperately.

And finally, she saw one man.

A dying man with terrible sword and burn wounds.

“Are you okay?! Hold on!”

“Gaha...!”

“What happened? Hey, tell me what happened! What happened to Ebal!”

“T-Te, ri, os...”

“Duke Therios?”

“Forcefully... everyone... to, make them, soldiers...”

“Why! Why do such a thing!”““

“Please... please save... every... one... please——”

The hand reached out towards Selene, but, it failed to do so.

The man lost strength half way, never to raise his hand again.

Selene put the man’s corpse to the ground. She looked at her hand with eyes turning red, seeing it close and open.

And there, Neora caught up to her with the Selene Troops.

“...et’s go”

“Eh?”

“Let’s go. We’re going after them. Someone who, someone who treats this Kingdom like this——”

“...please calm down, Selene-sama”

Neora looked at the man, looked at the surroundings, and looked at Selene.

She clearly understands how she feels right now.

However, Neora had received commands from Kakeru, the command to hold Selene’s leash tightly.

“We are sticking out of the formation too much. It is dangerous to chase after them like this. There is the possibility of us being defeated or even wiped out. The possibility of all the soldiers following Selene-sama die”

“Uu!”

Selene groaned.

She wavered, wavered between her anger and Neora’s advice.

The latter won.

After being taken to Kakeru’s side, Selene received various kinds of education, making her underestimate her abilities instead, and started to listen to other people’s advice.

She understands that they were too far ahead of the army, and she also understands that that is dangerous to themselves.

A scene appeared on her mind, a scene of a soldier. A young soldier who was heavily injured for protecting her yesterday.

That scene... might happen to everyone here.

The scene of everyone in here getting heavily injured——no, they might even die.

Selene was unable to carry through with her anger.

“I... got it... let’s join up with Shou”

Selene squeezed out her voice, as if she vomited blood.

Neora felt her chest being tightened.

Selene forced herself to be convinced, while she strongly bit her lips, and blood was dripping off her tightly closed first.

But, Neora couldn’t allow her to chase after them.

For her, Kakeru’s command is absolute.

If she let Selene follow them, there is no doubt that she would be put in danger. They would enter a fight where Neora could not guarantee that she can protect Selene.

Neora could not allow her to do such thing.

And just like that, the order of turning back and joining up with the main army was given.

But, the order was not completely obeyed.

“Princess, let’s chase after them!”

The one who called an objection was no other than the soldier who was heavily injured yesterday.

“N-No, didn’t you hear what we talked about? It’ll be dangerous——”

“If we don’t chase after them now, there’ll be more victims! And for us, if it’s for the ‘current’ Selene-sama, we won’t mind some danger. Right, you guys!”

“““““Yeah!”“““““

The soldiers raised their voice.

Their hearts become one, with a roar that shook the ground.

“You guys...”

“That’s why, please order us Princess. To protect our Kingdom”

Selene looked at them unbelievably, thinking why they would go that far for her. The negative way of thinking that she gained after staying at Kakeru’s side——.

She stopped it.

Selene looked at Neora, with an apologizing gaze.

And, she quickly rubbed her tears——tears from anger and tears from being moved, and told the soldiers.

“Everyone, follow me!”

“““““OHHHHHH!”“““““

The morale that was as high as the heavens were as if it celebrated the coming out of the cocoon of the Princess of the Holy Sword.

Chapter 191

Because I'm an idiot

After the incident in Ebal, the Therios Army accelerated in retreating.

The act of violence of completely burning down a town and forcefully drafting the residents quickly spread throughout Aegina's territory, making the already detaching hearts of the Aegineans completely detach.

The King's Army was welcomed to in all their destinations, enabling them to avoid useless battles.

And that was not all.

"I want to fight for the King and the Princess." "I want to fight with the Holy Sword Xiphos." "I want to defeat the heinous villain Therios."

People who had various thoughts gathered and the size of the King's Army snowballed.

When they arrived at the Royal Capital Rethim, the King's Army was already fifty thousand-men strong, and on the other side, the Therios Army was a mere three thousand-men.

The outcome of the battle is already clear for anyone to see.

And, with only a single total army attack.

With the return of the legitimate ruler of the Aegina Kingdom, there were many who changed sides from the army of three thousand. Rethim's gates that should have enabled them to keep the castle for more than a year was opened easily and the King's Army swiftly rushed into Rethim.



"Therios!"

"You came, you brat"

In the throne hall of the Summer Palace.

Therios who is sitting on the throne had a different appearance from when Selene last met him.

He is wearing a crown and a cape.

He suited himself with the appearance that is only allowed for the king, sitting on the king's throne.

"Get away from that place! That place is not something you can sit on!"

"Who deserves to sit here then? Don't tell me it's that impostor?"

"Uu!"

Selene groaned.

It's true that if one were to ask if that fake king——Kakeru deserves that throne, she could only answer no.

Selene admires Kakeru. No, you could even say that she worships him.

On the other side, she was unable to deny the words thrown to her, as she was someone who loves Aegina and wishes to make Aegina greater.

But still, she did not need to hesitate.

"Even so, it is still not you"

Selene silently said.

That's right. It was not him. It was impossible for it to be Melina.

"You don't deserve it even more, as someone who burns a town just for your own safety and desires"

"If so, then who deserves to be the King then? Don't tell me it's you? You selfish bile princess"

"Un. I'll be it"

"What——!"

"I will be it——the Prime Minister Princess"

"That's impossible for you"

"If so, then I'll ask everyone to help me"

"What?"

"I'll do my best to study the things I don't understand. If I still can't understand it, I'll ask someone else who does to help me. I am, just——"

Selene stared straight at Melina and declared with a resolute tone.



“——only need to be unhesitant”

During the night where there was no moon, cloud, or wind.
Inside the magic cottage in the day before attacking Rethim.

I said that to Selene who looks worried.

“Unhesitant?”

“I told you this before. If you lack the abilities, then you only need to ask the people around you to help you”

“Un”

“In other words, there would be a lot of people working for you. You hear me? It’s going to be lots of people. With that many people working for you, what do you think would happen if the person in their top is hesitating and always look lost?”

“Uhhh...”

“Think of it as a person. His left feet is moving forward, but his right feet is going backwards”

“T-Then, he’s going to trip”

“Exactly. You only need to be unhesitant and always show the direction you are moving to. That’s all you need”

“Is it enough with just that?”

“That’s good enough”

“But...”

Selene looked down.

She’s making a worried face.

“I understand, but, still...”, was written on her face.

“I’m an idiot after all”

“Hmm. I’ll give you a good luck charm then”

“Good luck charm?”

“Do you know Helene and Iris?”

“Un”

“What about Rica and Aura?”

“I know them”

“What about Althea and Delfina?”

“They’re amazing people”

The names I raised were the tutors I gave Selene.

The color of admiration deepens in Selene’s eyes with each name mentioned.

“All of them has a common thing”

“Eh? What’s that?”

Selene leaned forward full of curiosity. I put my arm around her and sealed her lips.

I kissed her lips strongly.

She was surprised and her body turned stiff.

“All of them are my women”

“U-Un. I know that——”

“Starting now, you’re also my woman”

“Ehhhhh?! But, I’m——”

“Are they excellent women because they’re mine? Or are they mine because they’re excellent women? Which one do you think it is?”

“That’s... it’s because they’re excellent women?”

“It’s both”

“Eh”

“It’s both. In short, you are already an excellent woman. I’m saying that you are going to grow even more as long as you’re mine and become an excellent woman”

“...”

“Do you still think you’re useless despite that? Can’t you believe in me?”

Selene quickly shook her head.

“I believe you! I believe in Shou. I’ll believe in Shou and become an unhesitant, excellent woman!”

“Good girl”

I pulled her to me and gave her another kiss.

This time, it was as if she lost her strength, leaning her whole body to me.

“Let’s start tomorrow. I’ll be watching you so do your best”

“Un!”



A strong kiss and words which were even stronger.

Thinking about what she gained from Kakeru’s lips, Selene glared straight at Therios. She unsheathed Xiphos and pointed its blade that pulsed with a red light towards him.

“Unhesitant? Ha! Ridiculous words”

“If so, then I won’t say anything anymore. I’ll defeat you here. Then it’s the end”

“You fool. As you wish, I’ll show you the sword technique of someone who defeated the royal family’s swordsmanship instructor”

Melina unsheathed the sword under his cape.

Both of them faced each other.

The first one who moved was Selene.

...the only one who could move was Selene.



The movement method and slash that was thought directly by Nana Kanou far exceeded that of Melina's and after a quick exchange, he was split into two horizontally.

"Wha... ridicu... this..."

"Eh?"

Melina was stunned. And even Selene who defeated him was stunned as well.

"S-So weak..."

Selene muttered.

She has yet to realize it.

As someone who was recognized by Nana Kanou, she had already stepped into the realm of a master swordsman.

Nana only moves under Kakeru's orders. She does not use both bootlicking words and flattery.

She only speaks out what she thinks.

On the other hand, Melina is a Duke. Although it could be said that he was recognized by the royal family's swordsmanship instructor, that person probably held back against him.

Melina was a person who was only being flattered.

A master and a normal person. The outcome of the battle was only natural.

Melina who was split into two crawled on the ground, then died while cursing.

"With this, it's all finished. I think"

Letting out a breath, Selene sheathed Xiphos.

Melina has died and the other soldiers started to surrender one next to the other.

With her return to the Summer Palace, Selene felt that this war has ended.

"The only thing left is... Shou..."

She thought about last night and the names Kakeru mentioned in her presence.

She thought, if only... just like them...

Her heart was beating quickly, faster than ever before.

“That’s right, I should go meet Kakeru!”

She thought so.

——a magic was suddenly shot towards her!!

She hurriedly unsheathed Xiphos and swept with a slash to block that magic used for capturing.

Soldiers rushed into the throne room and Selene was quickly surrounded.

“W-What? What’s happening?”

Selene panicked. She could not cope with the sudden change in events.

And at the entrance where the soldiers came from——one man appeared.
He is wearing tattered clothes and his cheeks were sinking.

The red marks that could be seen from his wrist show that he was chained just a while ago.

That man——

“It’s been a while, Your Highness”

“Abraham! Where were you?”

“That, does not matter. I am here because——uu!”

Abraham staggered. The soldier beside him quickly supported him.

The other soldiers were also looking at him with a worried expression.

It looks like they are soldiers who admires him as individuals.

Abraham raised his hand and made the soldier move back. He stood on his own feet, although he staggered, he looked at Selene with a strong gaze.

“I am here because I want to ask Her Highness one thing. What does Her Highness plans——”

“I’m sorry!”

“——for this Kingdom... eh?”

Selene bowed her head. She bowed her head deeply.

Abraham lets out a ridiculous sound because of her sudden action.

The surrounding soldiers also had faces that looked like they saw something unbelievable.

“Y-Your Highness?”

“I’m really sorry! I’m sorry for treating you badly in the past. I’m sorry for saying selfish things. At that time, I was just an idiot who knows nothing. No, I am still an idiot who knows nothing right now, but——ah, no, it’s just, I’m really sorry for that!”

“Uhh... eh...”

Abraham was at a loss for words. He didn’t know what do.

Matching the timing of the King’s Army charging into the castle, his subordinates saved him from where Melina imprisoned him.

After being saved, he found out that Selene has returned.

He quickly thought. If Selene was still the Selene back then, if she was still that selfish princess.

Even if he were to use his life in exchange——he must kill her at all cost.

And looking for a chance, he was able to surround Selene. Everything was going as planned up until that time.

However, her reaction was completely unexpected.

Abraham even thought that she might be another person in disguise for a second.

“I’m really sorry!”

“...Your Highness. Please let me ask one thing”

Abraham who somewhat regained himself asked.

“What does Her Highness plan to do from now on?”

“I’ll become the Prime Minister Princess!”

Those were the words that Abraham told her when she asked for advice back then.

And, she also told Abraham the words that she did not use back then.

“I’ll become the Prime Minister Princess and make this Kingdom that Father improved to become even greater!”

“Is that so...”

Abraham smiled.

He took a step back then kneeled to Selene.

“Please forgive this Abraham for his countless impoliteness up until now. I wish to accept any kind of punishment”

“If so, then you should forgive me. And if it’s okay, cooperate with me. I’m an idiot, so I don’t know what to do even though there are things I want to do”

“I understood. I shall serve Her Highness with everything I have”

Abraham bowed his head. And at the same time, the soldiers who admire him lowered their weapons as well.

This time, for sure, the war has ended.

Chapter 192

.....just me

In the Summer Palace of the royal capital Rethim.
I am resting there.

The night garden that could be seen from my room looked magical. I have visited many palaces since I came to this world, but this place is the most beautiful.

“It’s as if a sky garden”

[The King at that time used wealth as if it grows on trees]

“Grows on trees? How much exactly?”

[About half a year’s worth of national budget]

“That’s amazing. To think that someone would go that far. It was made for the queen at that time, if I’m correct?”

[Umu. She was a beautiful woman, but she always wore an expressionless face. That King did many things for her just to see her smile. So, he made this place. And for the first time since that queen was married to him, she smiled after seeing this view]

“The queen’s smile is worth half a year’s national budget huh. Quite amazing”

[That is what men of power are]

“I see”

Recently, I feel like the contents of the stories in the past I hear from Eleanor had changed.

When we had just met, she usually talks about the heroes or overlords, the men that she ‘used to death’, and speak ill of them.

That’s that not case recently. She started to talk about interesting things about the actual things that happened, things which were not written in history.

And her tone when she speaks about them started to be like ‘what a helpless bunch’.

[...]

Eleanor fell silent. Is she remembering about the past?

I want to learn about that past a little, I thought.

But, now is not the time for that.
I have a previous engagement.

“Shou...”

I heard a voice from behind.
It's Selene's voice.

I was waiting for here.
She returned to Rethim and took back the Aegina Kingdom.
The war has ended. Of course, there are things waiting to be done after that, but the matter is settled for the time being.

And there, I came to take her.
I decided to make her my woman.
When I told her that, she told me to wait in this Summer Palace, so I was waiting for her.

I looked back to Selene who had come.
She is wearing a dress.
A dress suitable for a princess, one that is both elegant and sexy.
A dress that shows just enough skin, showing the places that she wants to show, but hiding the places that must not be seen.

A dress that makes a man impossible not to react with.
Of course, Selene is very beautiful too, raising the destructive powers of the dress.

...that is fine, but.

“Why is Helene with you?”

Helene is beside Selene.
She looks just as usual but with a wry smile while holding the fan I gave her.

“U-Uhm, you know. I-I'm going to be having... s-sex with Shou right now, but!”

Selene stuttered due to the embarrassment and unconsciously raised her voice.
I understand that. The problem is, why is Helene here?

“I want to, I want to make Shou happy. But, I don’t know how to make Shou happy. I’m an idiot, so I probably won’t remember it quickly even I was told how to. That’s why——”

Selene took Helene’s hand and pulled her.

“I thought I should ask Helene for help!”

“I——”

Helene deepens her wry smile.

“——told her that it’s her only first time, so it’s better with just the two of you, but”

“Rather than that, I want to make Shou happy!”

“That’s what she said”

I couldn’t close my mouth that opened from surprise.

It’s me who made Selene like that. I’m the one who told her to ask other people if there’s something that she can’t do. But I didn’t expect she would do that now.

Helene also told her that it’s better to spend her precious first time with just the two of us alone.

That’s how it is normally. But, more than that, Selene wanted someone’s support just for my sake.

I feel happy about that. I couldn’t help but adore Selene who thought negatively but insisted firmly.

That’s why——

“Helene”

“Yes”

“Can you please leave?”

“Yes”

The same reply. However, Helene sounded very happy in her second ‘yes’. She told Selene who wanted her to stay “do your best” and left the room.

I approached Selene and pulled her to me.

“Shou——nn!”

I kissed her first.

I kissed her strongly and strongly sucked her lips that felt a little sweet.

“Shou... uhm, if it’s just——”

“Selene”

Following that, I stared straight at her. I pulled her closer and stared at her at a distance where our lips almost touched.

“Don’t think of anything else. There’s only one thing you need to think of”

“W-What is it?”

“It’s me”

“Shou? ——nn!”

I kissed her again.

This time, I slipped my tongue through her lips.

At the same time, I undressed her and caressed her body.

A captivating moan echoed within the Summer Palace.

“Wait, nn...! I’m... for Shou... ahn...!”

Selene was unexpectedly stubborn. She still claims that she wants me to be happy instead of thinking of herself. But,

I completely ignored her and just took her.

I took her to bed for the whole night, teaching her the pleasure.

“Shou! Shou! Shou!!!”



シヨウ

シヨウー

シヨウー!

セレーネ
アイギナ王国の
元・ワガママ姫。

I made it so all that she could think of is me.



Just like that, Selene, the Aegina Kingdom's Princess, became my woman.
And I gained a new golden lottery ticket.

Chapter 193

A Wonderful Adventure

It was the lottery ticket in the shopping center at the beginning.
I won the jackpot and gained the rights to go to a different world.
Furthermore, I hit another jackpot, getting the All Ability 777 Times, and came to this world.

Many things happened and there were also incidents.
As a result of solving all of them, I was able to draw the lottery once again in this world, and gained many more skills.

And among them, I would be able to draw a special lottery when huge events were solved or achieved.
The prizes would be different from the usual lottery and all of them have great effects, so I honestly look forward to them.

And, after solving the incident in Aegina, I gained a golden lottery ticket, so I came to the lottery place with Eleanor and Hikari.

Eleanor who is a Demon Sword turns to a human for some reason when she's here.
This is the only place where she could cling together with her daughter Hikari.

"Okaa-san, Otou-san. Look, Hikari grew taller a little bit"
"Hou, let me see... hmm, its true, you seem a little bit taller"
"I know right~. If this continues, I will be taller than Okaa-san soon~"
"Umu, do your best and try to exceed me"

Inside the lottery place, the mother and daughter who turned to their human forms chatted with harmony.
Hikari who is innocent and pure is as usual, but Eleanor could not help but look happy in front of her daughter.
No one will believe that this girl is the Demon Sword Eleanor that the whole humanity is afraid of.

“Uhm... this will be the nth time, but please don't bring your strange family bonding scene here”

I heard a woman's voice from behind while I was watching Eleanor and Hikari. She's this lottery place's staff and I've been under her care for quite a while.

I turned around and replied to her who looks troubled.

“Is it strange? It's quite normal this time though?”

“Which part is normal, look——”

She pointed at Eleanor and Hikari as she said.

“At your speed of growth, you should exceed me after a hundred years”

“Yay~, it's that soon!”

“Normal mother and daughter don't talk about things in the span of hundred years”

“Haha”

“Well then, did you come today to draw the lottery? We have a special lottery today”

“There was really one huh”

“Yes. A certain someone conquered many Queens and Princesses after all”

“That's the reason?”

I took out the golden lottery ticket and stared at it.

I thought it was because Aegina's incident was solved, but I was a little bit wrong huh.

“Yes. Would you like to draw?”

The staff finished preparing the lottery machine while I stared at the lottery ticket.

It's a lottery machine that looks gorgeous than usual.

“Eleanor, Hikari. Let's draw lots”

“Umu, I got it”

“Yay~. Okaa-san let's go”

Hikari pulled Eleanor by the hand and came while swinging it.

Although the staff is saying don't bring the bonding here, she prepared the stepping ladder as usual.

This woman, she might be somewhat tsundere.

Eleanor and Hikari climbed up that ladder and placed their hands on the lottery machine.

“Otouto-san, how many times is it today?”

“Just once”

“What’s the prize?”

Eleanor asked the staff.

Unlike her soft and silly mother’s face she shows to Hikari, her attitude now makes one feel the wisdom that she possesses through all these years.

“Everything’s a jackpot. All of them are unbelievable ones that don’t appear usually”

“Fumu. The prize is... secret as usual huh”

“Yes. I’m sorry”

“Well, we’ll find out if we draw”

Eleanor spins the lottery machine with Hikari.

GaraGaraGara——*Poton!*

What came out was a golden ball. *KaranKaranKaran*, the staff rang her hand bell.

“Congratulations, it’s a jackpot”

“What’s the prize?”

“It’s a pair ticket for a wonderful adventure”

“Wonderful adventure? How ambiguous”

“It being a pair ticket really feels like it’s a prize from a lottery”

I received the ticket-like thing that the staff brought.

“A wonderful adventure huh...”

I thought what should I do while I looked at the ticket.



We returned to the mansion from the lottery place and came to the adventurer's guild in the town.

I opened the door and entered. There are several adventurers and they looked towards me at once.

Some looked with awe and respect, there are also those who show a rivalry attitude.

I ignored all of those and searched for the person I came for.

"Kakeru-san!"

She called out to me before I found her.

A woman who is holding a staff and wearing a witch's hat.

Io Akos.

She's a famous person who was an apprentice when we first met, but now, she is an S-Rank Adventurer who would gather attention everywhere.

"It's been a while, Kakeru-san"

"Yeah"

"I heard about what happened"

Io whispered silently.

I am not showing that I was actively involved in the matter in Aegina, so she did it like this.

"What did you come for today?"

"I came to invite you"

"Invite...?"

"I promised you during my wedding with Fiona right?"

"Ah...!"

It looks like Io remembered.

At that time, I asked Io if she'd like to have a wedding ceremony with me.

Io did not care that much about the wedding ceremony, but she told me that she wants to go on an adventure with me.

I promised her that I'll go on an adventure with her somewhere.

"You remembered"

"It's a promise after all"

"Kakeru-san..."

Io's eyes turned watery.

I decided that I'll bring her with me with the "pair ticket for a wonderful adventure" that I got from the lottery.



I returned to the mansion with Io.

I called out to Hikari who was standing in the garden.

"Hikari, turn to a Demon Sword"

"Un!"

Hikari obediently turned to her Demon Sword form.

Eleanor and Hikari, the two Demon Swords.

"Are you going to bring Hikari-chan too?"

Io asked.

I answered while showing her the pair ticket.

"The pair ticket is for two people, but I thought maybe it's alright too with Eleanor and Hikari"

"Is that so"

"Well then, let's go"

I used the pair ticket.

Suddenly, the ticket released a bright light.

Light that almost overflowed throughout the garden was released from the pair ticket. At the same time, I heard a voice inside my head.

A different type of voice from Eleanor.

The voice told me to tell it the name of the person that will use the ticket.

“It’s Yuuki Kakeru and Io Akos”

After I answered, the light enveloped Io and me.

Its light increased in its density and I couldn’t see the surrounding anymore.



When I regained my consciousness, I was in a place I have never been before.

I looked around. I can see the sea below me.

I’m on top of a cliff near a raging sea that you would usually see in a climax of a suspense drama.

“Kakeru-san”

Io is beside me.

“It looks like we were not separated”

“Yes! It looks like Eleanor-san and Hikari-chan is here too”

“You also have your magic staff”

It was as expected up to here.

I thought that “weapons” won’t be counted in the pair, so I asked Hikari to turn to her Demon Sword her and brought her too.

The result was it was exactly as I thought. I was able to bring Hikari as well.

I was, but.

“Where are we?”

“Who knows?”

“It said that it’s a wonderful adventure, but I can’t see anything wonderful yet”

“Let’s walk over there, we might be able to find something”

“I agree——”

[Otou-san!]

Hikari’s warning echoed in my head. And I could feel a killing intent approach.

I instinctively drew out Eleanor to intercept

Gakiii——n!

The metallic sound reverberated and a shockwave spread out.

“Kyaa!” Io screamed and fall on her butt.

“What is it so suddenly——”, I thought but doubted my eyes seeing the one who attacked.

No, more accurately, I doubted my eyes seeing the weapon of the person who attacked.

“...Eleanor?”

The dark longsword that the young man is holding. It’s completely the same with the one I’m holding.

It doesn’t only look the same. The presence that it releases is Eleanor itself.

There’s no doubt. That was Eleanor as well.

...what is going on?

[Rodotos...]

It was Eleanor who answered my question.

Rodotos.

That’s the name of the overlord that once wielded Eleanor, a name that I heard many times from her.

And what that overlord is holding is Eleanor without a doubt.

Looking at the situation, there is only one possibility.

“The past, huh”

Just like how it advertised, I could feel that it would be quite a wonderful adventure.

Chapter 194

Encounter with a Hero

Rodotos charges and attacks. I blocked Eleanor that was being swung down using Eleanor.

“YYouu... wwho aare yyou”

“What a weird way to speak for an overlord”

I pressed Rodotos together with that Eleanor——however, he kicked in the air and returned.

Rodotos who charges and attacks again suddenly shifts direction and releases a cleaving attack from my blind spot.

I blocked using Eleanor. My hand got a little numb.

I made a turn after parrying his attack slashing towards him with an arc.

Rodotos’s Eleanor receives my attack head-on.

The Eleanors collided with black sparks scattering and scorching the ground.

“What power! As expected!”

[That was my peak. It is just normal that its this strong]

Eleanor spoke with a somewhat serious tone.

I focused and fought Rodotos seriously.

The other side’s Eleanor is above in strength.

According to what she said, this was her strength at its greatest, and her strength as a Demon Sword is 30% greater than right now.

Rodotos himself is strong.

He has a lot of moves and his sword techniques is sharp.

He should be just as strong as Nana even if he is just using a normal sword.

And a guy like that is wielding Eleanor. He’s a tough enemy.

As we continued to fight, our gears were rising.

He attacks me from behind after leaving an afterimage, but I raised my speed in return, just returning his slash.

Sometimes I would release a strong slash that would slam him to the ground, sometimes I would launch him to the air, follow him, and make him crushing towards the ground.

While I did so, it greatly changed the surrounding terrain.

Boulders were crushed, trees were burned by black flames, and valley-like craters were made in the plain.

The scenery that looked pleasing to the eyes slowly turned into a gruesome hell.

“Haha...”

“Wwhat iis ffunny”

“No, well. I just thought I never fought like this since that time with Olivia”

“...”

I stopped attacking.

Rodotos who's wielding Eleanor is strong without a doubt. He's stronger than anyone I've ever fought.

Stronger than any army, stronger than any monster, stronger than any human I've fought.

And——he's stronger than a Red Dragon.

Our fight that destroyed the surrounding, it can be said that we were just equal.

“Pput tthat tthing ddown. li mmust kknow wwhat iis hhappening”

“Ha! Steal her from me if you can!”



エレンア
……ソイツヲ置イテユケ。
話ヲ聞カセテモラウ。

ハッ! 欲しけりや
奪つてみやがれ!

I also want the other side's Eleanor has to say.
Mostly to satisfy my curiosity.

And to do that——

“Hikari, let's go!”
[Un! Hikari was waiting. I'll do my best okay!]

I unsheathed Hikari.
The daughter of me and Eleanor, Yuuki Hikari.
The other Demon Sword that looks exactly like her mother, Demon Sword Hikari.

I unsheathed her and raised her with Eleanor.
The two Demon Swords, I took a stance at full strength.

Rodotos who saw what I was doing changed his expression.

“WWhat, iis”
“You'll know soon”

The second round. I charged towards Rodotos and attacked using the mother and daughter Demon Swords.
We were almost equal when it was just our Eleanors, but the balance was destroyed because I unsheathed Hikari.

Rodotos was gradually pushed back.
My strength, speed, and reactions exceeded his. For every five exchanges we had, I would land one clean hit on him.
That repeated many times, accumulating damage, and the difference between our powers only grows.

If this continues, then I will——

“UOOOOOOO!!”

Rodotos made a huge jump backwards and with a cry, he makes Eleanor pierce his palm, letting Eleanor drink his blood.
The next instant, a huge black ball appeared from Eleanor.
It appeared above Rodotos's head and has a diameter of twenty meters.

Rodotos fixes his grip on his Eleanor and swung down.
The black ball flew towards me.

“Just that!”

[Wait!]

[Otou-san! Io-oneechan!]

“——!!”

I remembered with the two's voice.
That's right. I brought Io with me.
Though, I haven't seen her for a while——there she is!

At that place that turned into hell with my fight with Rodotos, Io was still sitting on the ground.

I rushed towards Io and stood in front of her to protect her.
The black ball flew towards us. I gripped Eleanor and Hikari tightly.

“Can we do it?”

[It's up to you]

“Thanks for that I guess!”

I released the Demon Sword's aura and enveloped myself including Io.
I defended with all of my strength.
The black ball hits. I felt my vision turn dark.

The next instant, a strong impact I've never felt before followed.
I feel the impact passing through the very core of my body.
After I endured that, this time, the air around me compresses, and came a feeling of oppression that felt as if it tries to crush my body.

It felt like it was crushing me along with my aura.

“Something like... this!”

I charged power in the core of my body, then released it all at once.
Boom! The black ball popped together with that explosive sound.

It scattered around us and melts the trees, the rocks, and even the ground.

My vision clears and what I saw in front of me was not Rodotos but a huge army of skeletons and zombies.

“The Undead Army”
[How nostalgic]

Is it to buy time? Or is it to take care of me after that attack?
I don't know which, but there's no doubt that Rodotos left them behind.

There's around 200 of them, but it didn't take me a minute to clean them up.

After taking care of the Undead Army, I sheathed Eleanor and Hikari, and turned to Io.
I reached out a hand to her who was still sitting on the ground.

“Are you okay?”
“U-Un...”
“It looks like you don't have any injuries”

I got relieved.
It's completely my fault forgetting Io while fighting.
I should reflect on this.

And the said Io stood up after taking my hand, but her body is trembling.

“What's the matter? Are you hurt after all?”
“N-No. I-It's not, it's not that...”

Io continued to tremble as she spoke.
Her eyes swims around and flinches when she saw Eleanor.

[Hmm. She reacts by just seeing me. She must be afraid of Rodotos]
“Are you scared of that guy earlier?”
“...un”
“I see”

I embraced Io who is scared by Rodotos.
I gently held her chin, raised it, and kissed her.

A kiss that only touches our lips. A short kiss that did not last for even three seconds.

“Kakeru-san?”

“Are you still scared?”

“Eh, ah... I see. Kakeru-san’s with me”

Io clings to me.

While doing that, she made a small nod and closes and opens her hand.

And then, she looks up to me.

Her face returned to normal, with its usual bright smile.

“Thank you Kakeru-san. I’m find now”

“I see”

“But, I wonder what in the world that person was? He’s wielding Eleanor-san... or something similar”

“That was also Eleanor. By the way, his name is Rodotos. It looks like he was an overlord”

“Ah! It was Rodotos huh. Kakeru-san’s really strong after all~, just as strong as Rodotos... eh, ehrrrrrrh?!!”

After a single breath, Io finally notices the strangeness and raises her voice.

That face of her was also very cute, so I gave her another kiss before explaining.

Chapter 195

A Promised Future

I asked Eleanor about Rodotos.

“That guy was Rodotos for real right?”

[Umu. He’s the real thing without a doubt]

“Then that Eleanor was real too?”

[Behold, that was me at my peak. From how Rodotos looks, he has ‘fallen’, so it should be after I let him conquer the world]

Eleanor said happily.

That means both are the real thing huh.

“Then, this place is... how many years ago?”

[Who knows]

“What who knows?”

[I have lived for so long that I stopped remembering about minor things like that]

This girl...

“Uhm, if I remember correctly, Rodotos is a person from four hundred years ago”

Io answered instead.

“Is that so?”

“It’s written in history books, so I think so”

“I see, four hundred years ago huh...”

“Uhm, Kakeru-san... that Rodotos, is he...”

“He’s the real thing”

“Ehhhhhhh?!!”

Io was very surprised.

“The real thing? What does this mean?”

“It looks like we’ve returned to 400 years ago for an adventure”

“Adventure... ah!”

“That’s right”

We were sent to four hundred years in the past with pair ticket for a wonderful adventure that I won with the golden lottery ticket.

With this, it really sounds like it’ll be a wonderful adventure.



I checked the items I possess while returning Hikari to her human form.

I have Demon Sword Eleanor, Demon Sword Hikari, and she can return to her human form.

I could also open my Different Dimension Warehouse and could take out my Magic Cottage.

Within the items I possess, the only one that has a problem is my Warp Feather.

“I can’t warp”

“You can’t?”

“Yeah, I can’t warp to Roizen nor Meteora nor Rethim. I can’t warp to anywhere I’ve gone to before”

“Did Otou-san’s feather got broken?”

“That doesn’t seem to be the case though”

I took distance from Hikari and Io, then used the feather.

I teleported in front of the two in an instant.

My Warp Feather allows me to teleport to any place that I’ve visited once.

It looks like because of the time travel, the ‘place I’ve been before’ had disappeared.

It looks like the feather itself isn’t broken.

“Oh, it’s good that it’s not broken”

“Yeah... well then”

I thought about what we should do from now on while patting Hikari’s head.

“Hm”

“Kakeru-san?”

“No, I just remembered something”

I remembered the time when I was sent to this world after winning the lottery.
I saved Helene, aimed for a town, and did many things that I wanted.

Just like that time, I’m starting again with everything reset.

However, it’s not a complete reset. I have the Demon Swords, I also have my items, and I even have a party member.

It’s as if I’m in a bonus stage in a game where I retain my powers and it feels new to me.

We started to walk to find a town.

“Come to think of it, why did that guy attack us?”

[Are you talking about Rodotos? I also don’t know]

“Weren’t you on his side too?”

[I have no memories of meeting you during this time. In the first place, there’s no way I’d forget about Hikari]

“Mu!”

That sounds convincing.

Eleanor was very surprised when Hikari was born.

If in the past——if she had met Hikari in the fight earlier, then she wouldn’t be that surprised.

“In the first place, you should’ve remembered about this event”

[Umu]

“I guess there’s another mystery”

[All women are innately mysterious]

I flicked Eleanor with a finger for saying cheeky things.



We walked for around two hours and arrived at a small village.

We passed through the fields and arrived at a small but peaceful farm village.

“There’s no one around here”

“No, there is. It looks like they’ve gathered inside the village”

“All of the villagers gathering? Ah! I wonder if it’s a festival or something”

“Let’s go and find out”

I entered the village with Io and Hikari and walked towards the place where I could feel the villager’s presence.

We arrived at the village square and saw many people gathered there.

In the center of all of those villagers was one old woman.

That old woman is sitting on the ground and is holding her hands over a crystal ball placed in front of her.

On the other side of that crystal ball was a villager-looking man staring at the old woman and the crystal ball with both fear and expectations.

“After ten days, travel towards south”

“To the south after ten days?”

“Correct. The encounter you shall have there will change your life. It is seven parts good and three parts bad. Got it? Seven parts good and three parts bad”

“Thank you very much!”

The man kneeled in front of the old woman and bowed his head.

“Ne~, ne~, Otou-san, what was that?”

“It looks like fortune telling”

I turned to Io and saw her make a small nod.

As an adventurer, she should’ve seen people like her.

“Is she the real thing?”

“I don’t know. She isn’t taking money, so I think that it’s not a fraud, at the least”

“Well, that’s true”

We stayed in our places for a while, watching them from outside their crowd. I sharpened my hearing and listened to their conversations.

“I can’t believe that Akansa-sama will come here”

“Good for you, you got your fortunes read”

“Ten days later huh... I’ll do my best”

It looks like she would read everyone’s fortune.

As a proof, it was not the villagers who were walking towards her, but it was the old woman who was looking around and pointing towards someone to come, within everyone's atmosphere that was filled with awe and worship.

And just like that, after she read a few people's fortunes.

"You. You are the last one"

She said as she pointed at one girl.

The villagers sighed and sent that girl eyes filled with envy.

The girl looked panicky and hurried up to stand in front of the old lady.

The old woman stared deeply at the girl and held her hand over the crystal ball.

"Painful and agonizing, a suffering as if you were in eternal hell is waiting for you"

"Eh...?"

The girl could not believe what she heard.

Although I don't know the reason, I felt that the villagers possess a faith-like belief towards this old woman in this short time.

If that old woman had told her so, then it would be the equivalent of a death sentence for her.

"Overcome it. For beyond that is a single ray of light. One part good nine parts bad. It is one part good and nine parts bad"

"No way..."

The girl was at a loss for words.

"You're wrong"

I interrupted.

The eyes of the villagers gathered towards me at once.

Confusion and——mostly anger.

Eyes like that were pointed towards me.

While Io and Hikari faltered, I didn't mind and walked past the crowd, towards the girl and the old woman.

“What do you mean wrong?”

“The first half is correct, but the second half is wrong”

“Hou...?”

“Painful and agonizing, a suffering as if you were in eternal hell. Of course it is. Beyond that is a single ray of light. That is true as well”

I told the old woman and looked at the girl.

It's a face I know.

It's a face that I didn't think I would see here.

“It's ten parts good with zero bad. Her destiny is already decided”

What I saw there was the lovely face of a petite girl.

Tanya Chichiakis.

It is the name of the girl who possesses the future of becoming Eleanor's familiar instead of the Undead Army.

Chapter 196

Picture of the Future

“Who the hell are you!”

“How dare you speak like that towards Akansa-sama!”

“Apologize——!!”

After a moment of silence, the villagers shouted at once.
It looks like they really respect this old woman called Akansa.

All kinds of curses were said and Io and Hikari were scared, grabbing my clothes. Eleanor did not say anything, but I felt that she’s enjoying the situation. One of the people concerned, the Tanya who was alive could only look around and panic.

Akansa slowly raised her hand. Instantly, the villager’s shouts stopped.
That’s impressive, I thought, then noticed the old woman staring at me.

Dented eye sockets, pupils that do not show its depth.
She stared at me with such eyes.

“Be careful, foreigner”

After Akansa said that, the villagers clamored.
From what I saw earlier, this old woman is a fortune teller, and the villagers trust her very much.
On top of that, it was not like she would read everyone’s fortune.

But, she would read mine.
For the villagers, they probably saw it like the unknown person’s fortunes were read, and he was even warned.
They can’t be blamed for making clamors.

I ignored all of them and asked Akansa back.
I got a little interested because she called me ‘foreigner’.

“Be careful? Of what?”

“I cannot read your future”

“Hee?”

“You are enveloped by a massive, bottomless darkness”

[Kuku, I’ve possessed you after all]

Eleanor more and more felt it was interesting.

A massive darkness... well, it’s probably her.

“But, even so”

“Un?”

“It’s ten good with no bad. No bad, everything is good..... such thing is impossible”

The clamors got bigger and bigger.

And Akansa who said that shook her head.

She looks like she felt that it was absurd, denying the thing that she saw.

It looks like I made her confused because of Eleanor. I felt a little bad for her.



After the old woman went away to somewhere, the villagers who have gathered in the square left and returned to their own businesses.

The only ones who remained were us and Tanya who I met at this time.

“Uhm...”

“Un?”

“Thank you for comforting me. Thanks to that, I feel a bit better”

Tanya said that and bowed her head.

Her expression still looked sorrowful and heartrending.

“I didn’t say that to comfort you. I just said the truth”

“Eh? The, truth...?”

“You, you’re Tanya right?”

“Yes... my name is Tanya...”

“Tanya Chichiakis. You can use Ice Magic right?”

“Eh? J-Just a little. How did you know? I can only freeze one or two drops of water, so

I didn't even tell anybody..."

Tanya looked at me as if she saw something unbelievable.
Looking at her, I remembered the time when we first met.



Tanya Chichiakis.
We first met at my mansion.

The mansion that I bought cheaply was a haunted mansion with an evil spirit possessing it.
That evil spirit would attack the living, using mostly Ice Magic to attack.

I defeated that evil spirit once and thought that it already disappeared for good.
However, after I obtained Eleanor, after I chased out the Undead Army within Eleanor, she entered inside instead.
A lovely ghost wearing maid uniform. She, who was bounded to the mansion, gained a new vessel called Eleanor.
And, she regained herself, becoming a ghost with a bright and talkative personality.

After that, using her trait of being unable to be seen or touched by normal humans, she became a very good scout that helped me in many battles.

And to be able to meet her alive, was even more surprising than meeting Eleanor.



Tanya invited us to her house.
...but, following her from behind, we left the village for some reason.
We walked on the footpaths across the paddy fields and even went so far until they cannot be seen.

"Tanya, where are we going?"
"My house, it's just around there"
"You aren't living inside the village?"
"...yes"

Tanya nodded.

[She paused for an instant. It looks like she has some kind of circumstances]

That seems to be the case.

But when I was about to ask her about that.

“Otou-san, somethings coming”

“Kakeru-san, look at that”

I looked at where Io pointed at.

In the outskirts where there doesn't seem to be anyone, a giant mountain cow appeared from nowhere.

Although it looks like a cow from a distance, it grew sharp fangs, looking like a violent meat-eating beast.

“L-Let's run!”

Tanya tried to run back from where we came from.

I grabbed her hand and stopped her.

“It's fine”

“But! That's a mountain cow! It's a very strong beast, and if it sees you——”

“It's fine. Just look”

I placed my hand on Eleanor.

I haven't met a mountain cow for a while——it looks like dinner is decided.

“Kakeru-san”

“Un?”

“Leave it to me”

“I see”

I took my hand off Eleanor and left it to Io.

She stepped forward holding her staff.

She looked beautiful with the wind blows passing her by as she walked.

She raised her staff and chanted her spell.

Soon after, dark clouds appeared above the mountain cow, and lightning fell together with thunder.

Io defeated the mountain cow with one attack.

What a gallant appearance——and when I was thinking of that, she glanced at me.

[How lovable]

“Un?”

[That girl, she’s probably trying to regain herself to you. She got so scared of Rodotos before, so she probably wants to show her good points to you here]

“I see”

She doesn’t need to do that though... but, since it’s like that.

“Good job, Io. As always, seeing your lightning makes me fall for you more”

“——! T-That’s not true at all”

Her face blushed and showed a happy face.

[What’s with that way of praising? You womanizer]

“I just told her what I thought”

[Kukuku]

Eleanor laughed interestingly and Io grinned for being praised.

On the other hand, Tanya was speechless.

She looked back and forth at Io and the mountain cow she defeated in one blow.

At first, her expression showed doubt of the scene in front of her, but it gradually turned to admiration for Io.

She stared at Io with a blushing face.

As if I was looking at Julia and Agnes. This, did another girl fall for her?

“Amazing... if I can be like that...”

“You can”

“Eh?”

“You can become like that”

“No way... someone like me...”

“You can”

I told her with a strong tone.

“Tanya, you can also become like that. I guarantee it”

“...I, can?”

“That’s right”

I strongly nodded to Tanya and her face became redder than that when she looked at Io, and faced down.

Chapter 197

The Evilest Existence

After the mountain cow was defeated, we continued our way to Tanya's house.

Tanya is leading the way, while Io and Hikari are walking beside her.
I'm following behind them, carrying the mountain cow.

The reason why I'm carrying it is it's a waste just to leave it there, so it will be the dinner for tonight.
I'm thinking of making Fiona's mountain cow fried rice.

Tanya's cheeks were still as red as earlier as she leads the way and steals glances at me once in a while.
And while she's like that, I called "our side's" Tanya and talked to her.

"That girl is you right?"
[I don't know. Probably? I think]

The maid ghost Tanya has a bright personality compared to the living Tanya.
She's bright and lovely, and her difference with the always shy and timid Tanya over there is obvious.

But, their faces look the same.
They're not just similar, but both are the real Tanya still, yet different.
The two Tanyas were like that, but she herself is saying she doesn't know.

"Probably?"
[I can't think that she's unrelated to me. I think that she's me, but I don't remember much when I was alive. That's why I don't know]
"Was that the case?"
[Un, after all, when I noticed it, I was saved by Kakeru. I can only faintly remember when I was in the mansion]
"I see. It's also the same with you huh"

In this world in the past, both Eleanor and Tanya, they are saying that they have no memories of meeting with me.

This, I wonder what's really going on.

I flicked Eleanor with a finger and shrugged my shoulders.

"Well, it can't be helped since this girl is already so old"

[Don't treat me as if I'm a senile old woman]

"But you don't remember, right?"

[...]

I felt her sulking.

It looks like she can't retort back since I mentioned her not remembering.

"By the way, what do you think? Is that girl there the real Tanya?"

[The color of their souls are the same]

"He~?"

[In that sense, that girl there is the real thing without a doubt]

"It's becoming more and more mysterious"

It would've been easy to tell if she's a one and only existence like Eleanor.

I followed Tanya while I thought of that.



The house Tanya led us to was mostly in the middle of the mountain.

It's on the mountain that is quite a distance from the village.

It's a house with a simple making in a remote place.

Not only it was a structure simply built, but it was also poor-looking inside.

There is no furniture that could be called as furniture, making you imagine the person living here is really living a poor life.

The mountain cow was quite a feast.

It was deliciously cooked by Io who has a long history of being an adventurer, so excluding Eleanor, the four of us ate it deliciously.

After eating, Hikari started to get sleepy, so Io accompanied her to sleep.

After the two of them slept, Tanya timidly started to talk.

“Uhm... Hikari-chan’s, Kakeru-san’s daughter... huh?”

“That’s right. Isn’t she cute?”

[Get a hold of your doting, you idiot parent]

Hikari is cute. There’s no objection.

“Y-Yes. She’s very cute”

“Un, un”

“Uhm... then, Io-san’s, your... wife?”

“Un? No, she’s not”

“Eh? But...”

Tanya looked at me, then looked at Io and Hikari.

I see. She misunderstood it like that huh.

She thought that Io and I are a married couple, and Hikari’s our beloved daughter. It also probably looked like that from her perspective.

“No. Io’s not my wife”

“Eh? Then...?”

Well, I also wonder what kind of relationship I have with Io.

One day, she suddenly asked me to enter her party, and since then, we would go on adventures and battlefields.

“Comrades, or party member, might be the closest”

“Comrade...”

She said out those words, then looked at me and Io back and forth.

“...I also have a chance”

Tanya whispered in a tiny voice.

She asked because of that, huh.

I wanted to answer, “yeah, of course you do”, but.

I glanced at my side.

I looked at the maid ghost Tanya who’s floating beside me.

Looking at her, the words I wanted to say naturally appeared in my mind.
I stared straight at the human Tanya, then said.

“I wanted to meet you”

“...eh?”

“I always, wanted to do this”

I grabbed her hand and pulled her to me.
Tanya lost her balance and fell to my chest.

“Ah...!”

Although she let out a small scream, Tanya did not resist.
Within my chest, she strongly holds to my clothes.

The ghost Tanya came to my side.
She floated beside Tanya and stared at me.
Her bright and cheerful face was looked painfully yearning.

Seeing the ghost Tanya, I patted the human Tanya’s head, held her chin and kissed her lips.
Tanya did not resist. She only froze for an instant, after receiving my kiss.

“...I’ve, given up for a long time”

“Give up? Why?”

“When I was born, my mother saw a dream. She was told in that dream, “Your daughter is cursed. She would receive 499 calamities in her person, she will be unable to go to heaven after death, and she shall be caught by the evilest existence in this world””

Is Tanya’s mother a prophet or something?

Though I don’t know about the 499 calamities, the part of being captured by the evilest existence after death is correct.

Un, it’s quite right.

“In fact, I was met with many kinds of calamities, so even my parents threw me away, and I started to live here by myself”

“I see”

“That’s why, I have given up for a long time... Kakeru-san, Kakeru-san might feel eerie after hearing that, but, even so, I——”

“Don’t worry about it”

“Eh?”

“That vilest existence thing, I’ll do something about it. If you want, I’d even kick its ass for you”

Eleanor read the atmosphere and only sent me her laughter.

“Kakeru-san...!”

Hearing my words, Tanya was moved, embraces me more tightly, and started to cry in the end.



“I’m so sorry, I’ve shown such a pathetic side of me”

“Don’t mind it”

There must’ve been a lot of things that happened to her up until now.

Tanya cried loudly within my chest.

So that she won’t wake Io and Hikari up, I took Tanya outside while embracing her so that she could cry to her heart’s content.

After Tanya stopped crying, she noticed that we were outside and was quite surprised.

“When did?”

“Are you okay now?”

“Yes... thank you very much. Just hearing Kakeru-san’s words, I——”

“I’ll say this beforehand, I’m not just saying it with empty words”

“Eh?”

“Believe in me. That vilest thingy, I’ll do something about it”

“——yes, I believe you”

“Good girl”

I pulled her to me again and embraced her.

Tanya leans her body to mine.

I took out my Magic Cottage, and inside there, I’ll——but when I was thinking of that.

“There’s a house over there”

“Let’s go and ask”

Someone approached.

Tanya’s body turned stiff and moved away.

From the darkness of the mountain, a pair of two appeared and approached us. Although Tanya took distance with embarrassment, she was stealing glances from me. I should hurry up and get rid of this pair, and once again, with her——

“Excuse us, we just want to ask something”

“We heard that Maraton’s Spring is around here, do you know where it is?”

It was a pair of male and female.

Both of them are young and their faces look similar.

“If it’s Maraton’s Spring, it should be on the opposite side of the mountain”

Tanya who’s living on this mountain answered instead.

“Opposite side?”

“It means that we around this mountain once, huh”

“Uhm, what are you planning to do in the Maraton’s Spring? That place, it’s a holy place where neither animals nor monsters approach, but yet, it’s a place that is very dangerous”

Tanya asked with a worried expression.

He~, it’s that kind of place huh.

The pair of two who heard that not only didn’t get scared, they even showed expressions of excitement.

“We know, that’s why we’re going there”

“Yes. We will go to Maraton’s Spring, to destroy the Evil God Rodotos, and——”

“Destroy Demon Sword Eleanor”

[What?]

Words that I can’t ignore came out from the pair of man and woman.

Chapter 198

Clash of Wills Only Occurs in the Same Level

I talked to Tanya and asked her to guide the two to that Maraton's Spring.

Tanya is walking through the dark mountain path ahead, holding a torch in her hand. The pair of man and woman is following her from behind. And behind them, is me.

These two fellows have the goal of erasing Eleanor's existence, but I've hidden Eleanor's aura after fighting against Rodotos.

This era seems to be a time where Demon Swords are always showing their Demon Sword-ness, so I hid Eleanor's aura to avoid unnecessary conflicts. That's why the two of them were unable to find out Eleanor.

And as we were walking like that, Eleanor suddenly talked to me.

[Are you going to help them?]

"I want to know what's going to happen"

[Of course nothing will happen. Since I'm able to come here and exist in the future, it only means that that pair of two were unable to achieve anything]

"..."

[What's with that silence?]

Eleanor sent a feeling of being unpleasant while being dubious.

I understand what she's trying to say. That should be the case originally.

Since Eleanor here was able to come from the future, the fact that her existence was erased shouldn't exist so there's no need to mind these two.

That should really be the case.

However, two irregular things had already happened one next to the other.

My encounter and battle with Rodotos and meeting Tanya when she's still alive.

I fought against Rodotos who was wielding Eleanor, but Eleanor here is saying that she doesn't have any memories of that.

And although the maid ghost Tanya has the same color of the soul with the living Tanya, she told me that she doesn't remember much when she was still alive.

Although it's the same two people, she testified as if they were not connected.

I thought of a certain possibility.

"Parallel worlds"

[What? Parallel world?]

"It's a concept of having multiple worlds, and just a simple difference might change the future"

[Hmm?]

"In other words, for example, me meeting you or not. In the case where I didn't meet you, what do you think the greatest change will be?"

[...Hikari would not be born]

Eleanor's words were filled with a seriousness that I haven't felt for a while.

That's right. If Eleanor and I didn't meet, then Hikari would not be born.

Marie had removed Eleanor's seal by chance, I then saved Marie, and started to wield Eleanor.

Soon after that, Hikari was born.

As Eleanor and my daughter.

"There exists such a possibility right? Just you sleeping for dozens of years, there will be a future where there's no Hikari"

[I see... in other words, depending on these guys' actions, you're saying that the future where my existence will be erased exists?]

"What do you think?"

[...I can't say for sure. I am not an omnipotent god. While I am ageless, I'm not an immortal. That 'day' would come ultimately]

"I see"

Well, that's probably true.

But I also thought that Eleanor who admitted that frankly and calmly is really Eleanor.
I continued.

"It's fine if it's a parallel world. The problem is, in the case where there is only one

world”

[I see. You’re saying that if there is only one world, then if I was erased here, then the future me will also be erased?]

As expected of Eleanor, she understood it quickly.

“I’m just saying that there’s such a possibility. At least, I think so”

[I see. I understood what you’re trying to say]

Eleanor was convinced.

[I have a good idea]

“What?”

[You, you go defeat Rodotos. Defeat Rodotos, then you——no, you must make a seal that only that girl Marie can remove. By doing that, although some things might turn differently, it will still reach that future]

“Defeat you at your peak and even sealing you, huh”

[If it’s you, then it should be possible. You are better wielder after all]

“I’ll keep that in mind”

[Well, anyways, I should absolutely not be erased]

“Yeah, I won’t let that happen to you”

[I’m counting on you. For Hikari’s sake too]

Chirin

I flicked Eleanor with a finger almost subconsciously.

My finger flicked her and made a clear, wind bell sound.

I just moved instinctively. I moved even before voicing out my words.

I was a bit embarrassed to tell her that’s it’s for her sake, not Hikari.

I should be able to tell the same thing to my other women, but when it comes to Eleanor, I couldn’t voice it out for some reason.

I couldn’t help but become obstinate when it comes to her.

...how strange.

“...yeah, for Hikari’s sake”

[I’m counting on you, Papa-dono]

“The same to you, Mama-sama”

I couldn't say the words I wanted to say, so I could only joke around.

This, really, what is it?

How strange.

Chapter 199

Overcoming the Limits

We continued to climb the mountain in Tanya's lead.
There was no proper mountain path, just animal trails, advancing just like a maze.

"Oi, is Maraton's Spring really over here?"
"Do you really know the way?"

The young man and woman showed discontent.
They were irritated and vented it to Tanya.

"I-It's true. It's over here"
"It better be"

The two of them reluctantly accepted Tanya's words.
But soon after that, we walked towards an animal trail that's clearly off the proper mountain path, so they were even more irritated.

[Well, that's the limit for normal humans]
"It wasn't just my imagination huh"
[You dare say that even though you were already confidently sure]

Eleanor chuckled, then continued with a serious tone.

[We are approaching without a doubt. There is a power in the opposite of mine—I can feel that we're approaching powers that is holy]
"The way to erase you that they were saying was true?"
[At the least, they're going in the right direction]

"Well, that's true", I thought.
I also feel the powers that Eleanor told.
Up ahead, towards the direction Tanya is leading us, I could feel powers that is pure.
Powers which is opposite to Eleanor's powers, the dark aura that I'm using.

And I can feel that it's gradually getting stronger, no, it's getting thicker and denser. I immediately became guarded. If such powers really exist, then——

“Oi, look at that!”

“It's Opis-sama! The Divine Messenger Opis-sama!”

The pair of two raised voices of delight.

Looking over there, I saw a giant snake.

Over there, within the deep mountain where the paths are almost unable to be illuminated by a torch, lies a snake whose whole body is white, while releasing a faint light that lights up the surroundings.

The holy power, I could feel it coming from it.

“H-Hey. Take “that thing” out”

“Oh Divine Messenger Opis, let us——”

——!!

My body moved. I kicked the ground and charged, grabbing Tanya then jumped to the side.

I felt wind rush and pass behind me.

Without warning, the white snake——Opis attacked. When I turned around after saving Tanya, the pair of two had their heads chopped off their bodies.

They didn't even understand what happened until the end, and their headless bodies collapsed.

The white snake continued to attack.

It opened its huge jaws that could swallow the two of us at once and bites towards us.

“Kyaaaaaa!”

I jumped back while carrying Tanya and took distance.

“Le-L-L-Let's run! Kakeru-san!”

“It doesn't seem that it would let us get away though”

“Ah...! It's following us”

“From how it looks, it'll probably chase after us even if we try to escape”

I feel a strong enmity coming from the white snake.

An enmity mixed with vengefulness, as if it would chase after us to the end of the world.

“Oh no...”

“Don’t worry. I’ll defeat it”

“Eh?! But, it’s——”

“Don’t move from here. I’ll take care of everything”

I stared straight into her eyes. Tanya hesitatingly nodded.

I put her down and stepped forward as I unsheathe Eleanor.

“Let’s go”

[It looks quite tough. Prepare yourself]

About Opis, Eleanor seems to know about it, but there’s no time to ask her for details.
The white snake charged towards me with frightening speed.

This time, it whipped its tail at me.

“Haaaa!”

I swung Eleanor and chopped the snake.

Its scales were very tough, so tough that even my hands were numbed.

The white snake rolled on the ground after getting chopped by halves.

“It only looks strong huh”

[It’s only starting now]

“Mu?!”

The white snake moved.

The cut sections suddenly squirmed and started to regenerate.

After a while, there were two snakes that looked exactly the same.

“It regenerates?”

[It’s their trait. Even if they are defeated by us, the Demon Swords, they will split and divide with their abilities intact and as strong as before]

“They’re just as strong?”

[Umu. Although they received damage from the slash you landed on them, they would divide with their strengths intact, making another one of itself]

Eleanor explained. It looks like she really knows about it.

“You know very well huh”

[Although I don’t know about this one here, I do know about its existence]

“I guess I need you to tell me all about that”

[As long as you can get through here]

The two snakes charged at once.

I swung Eleanor and chopped the two snakes into halves.

Then, the two snakes turned into four.

It looks exactly the same. Even its movements, even the powers it contains inside is completely the same.

One snake turned to four snakes with exactly the same powers.

“How troublesome”

[It’s your natural enemy]

“It’s “yours”, right? Are you sure its endurance is really decreasing?”

[Just the amount you severed it]

“If so!”

I cut down the four snakes that attacked from above and below, left and right.

I released five slashes with each, cutting them into pieces with Eleanor.

Normal monsters would’ve been dead many times after being cut into pieces, but this snake regenerated from each part severed, increasing its number to 30.

The white snakes covered the mountains. The faint white light that it releases illuminated the surroundings as if it was morning.

Interesting. Now it’s interesting.

I’m looking forward to this.

I gripped Eleanor tightly and enveloped myself in her aura.

I then charged towards the white snakes.

“UOOOO!”

I slashed, it divides.

I slashed, it divides.

I slashed, slashed, slashed, and it divides a whole lot.

The number of snakes quickly exceeded three digits.

I received, dodged their attacks, and attacked them as well.

The trees were toppled and the shape of the mountain changed.

As we fought, one snake charged towards Tanya.

“Hii!”, Tanya fell down on her butt.

“Who told you, you could go there”

I grabbed that snake’s tail and slashed towards it after it stopped.

I cut it into pieces, grounding it that it doesn’t even look like a snake anymore.

And, it did not regenerate.

[It exceeded the limits of its endurance]

“It won’t regenerate if its life force is depleted huh”

And here I thought it would infinitely regenerate.

I turned to the horde of white snakes that even “a lot” isn’t enough to describe.

What a view. They’re so many that it covers the mountain.

And towards them, I charged with Eleanor in hand.

The snakes that reached the limits of their division, I killed each one of them, one by one.

It was already dawn when I annihilated the horde of snakes that was born from one.

Chapter 200

The two Tanyas

“You seem to be in a good mood”

[I feel like I met with an old friend]

“Did you not encounter something like this for a long time?”

[Umu. When I noticed it, they’ve disappeared. I and some wielder probably eradicated all of them]

“Is that so?”

[It’s still my natural enemy after all. There was only one this time, but imagine if there’s ten, or even a hundred appearing at the same time]

“That sounds troublesome”

I got a bit weary just thinking about it.

Just a single one would increase to three digits after all.

“...you don’t seem to hate them though”

[Although they are my natural enemy, their division would only activate with me as an opponent]

“That means...”

[You want Io to fight with one of them?]

“She could probably defeat even ten of them”

I tried to evaluate the white snake and Io’s strength. If it’s Io right now, who had a rapid growth in her magic powers, in addition to her experience and the courage she got from them, she could probably defeat ten of them.

And according to Eleanor, they won’t divide unless she’s the enemy.

“I only need to leave it to the others huh”

[It’s the result of being too specialized against me. Also]

“Also?”

[There’s you]

“Mu”

I felt as if I was hit by a surprise attack.

[If it's you, you should be able to defeat at least ten of them]

"That would be a lot of tens then", I thought.

After I sheathed Eleanor, I noticed Tanya looking at me with a shocked expression.

"What's the matter, Tanya?"

"..."

"Tanya?"

There's no reply.

She froze completely. What happened to her?

I should try to call out to her strongly once.

"Tanya!"

"——ha!"

"What happened to you?"

"U-Uhm... Kakeru-san... no, uhm"

"Un?"

"Rodotos... -sama?"

"...ahh"

I looked at Eleanor.

Since I fought against Rodotos, I concealed Eleanor with her camouflage aura, but it seems that I got a little bit caught up with the battle earlier that it was removed.

It's true. Eleanor's not enveloped by the camouflage aura, so anyone could see her.
And, in this era.

"Rodotos-sama's Divine Sword... I saw it once from afar, but it looks exactly the same"

"What? You, you called yourself a divine sword?"

[I didn't. People just started to call me that as the conquest progressed]

"It doesn't fit you at all"

[Kuku, I thought so as well]

I looked at Tanya. She looks very scared——or rather, she's overwhelmed.

Well, the Rodotos of this time is the overlord who unified the whole world.

If a guy like that appears in front of a village girl, it's natural that she would be like this.

Well, what should I do now?

[Kakeru]

Tanya... the maid ghost Tanya called out to me.

Usually, I won't hear the voices of the ghosts inside Eleanor, but they could also call out to me.

"What?"

[Can you leave it to me?]

"Are you going to persuade her?"

[I'm going to explain myself to her too while I'm at it]

"...alright, I'll leave it to you"

I touched Eleanor and summoned Tanya.

A transparent maid ghost appeared and floated in front of Tanya.

She won't be able to see her like this, so I inserted my powers onto her, so that she could be seen.

Doing that, although I don't know if she still looks like a transparent ghost, normal people should be able to see her.

And Tanya who so that fell to her butt.

"Kyaa!"

[Nice to meet you~! I'm Tanya Chichiakis~]

"Eh, my name... my face..."

"Tanya, I'll leave the rest to you"

[Un, leave it to me!]

I pulled up Tanya who fell down and let them be by themselves.

And together with Eleanor, I went towards the Maraton's Spring by following the flow of holy powers to look whether taking care of the aftermath is needed.



The maid ghost and the village girl was left behind.

One side was smiling cheerfully and one side was confused.

They look completely the same; however, the impression they gave is the opposite. The maid ghost looked bright and cheerful, and although she was undead, her atmosphere would make anyone enjoy her company. The village girl was timid at best and one could say that she's always nervous. Although she's living, the image she gives is the opposite.

The two of them are facing each other, letting time pass by.

"Why, do you look like, me? My name, too"

[I also don't know, but it looks like I'm you]

"Eh? W-What does that mean?"

[You know, I came from the future. Well, Kakeru just took me with him]

"F-Future?"

[In the future, I was an evil spirit that was bounded to a mansion, but Kakeru saved me. I think that I suffered for a very long time as an evil spirit]

"A very long time... evil spirit... Ah!"

The village girl suddenly realized something. She quickly turned towards the direction of the village as she remembered.

[Right, right. The fortune that Akansa person told you. It's probably correct]

"One good, nine bad..."

[And, what Kakeru said is also true. It's something that he personally did, so it's true. I was saved by Kakeru and I'm very happy now. It's ten good]

"It was... like that. But, the future?"

She seems as if she could understand some things, but she fundamentally could not understand or be convinced by the concept of coming from the future.

[You know, maybe it's because I'm a ghost now, so I can tell]

"W-What?"

[I know that I am you]

"That..."

[Eii!]

The maid ghost hugged the village girl.

Being summoned by her master, she is now able to touch her.

So she embraced her.

The next instant, their bodies flashed.
The instant they touched each other, they flashed.

Ba-dump

Their pulses overlaps——although one of them shouldn't have any for a very long time, it still overlapped, echoing in their ears.

[Haha, I know I know. I also know that you know]
“Un... I understand now. You are me”
[I am you]

They stopped hugging, took distance from each other, and held each other's hands.

[I'm glad I've met you]
“Me too. I really feel strange right now. And...”
[Feel a bit happy?]

Grinning, the maid ghost smiled mischievously.
The village girl nodded timidly.

Exceeding time and space, the same soul met and understood each other.

[While we're at it, I'll teach you something that will make you happier]
“Happier?”

The village girl was tempted.
Her gloomy atmosphere disappeared and her eyes are now filled with the light of anticipation.

[Un! Happiest in the world]



There was another white snake in Maraton's Spring.
As usual, it's a troublesome guy who would divide every time I chopped it, but still, I killed all of them although it took me some time.

The instant the snake died, the spring turned to a normal spring.

The thick holy powers that would make increase Eleanor's words by a lot just by approaching it disappeared without a trace the instant the snake died.

I walked around seeing if there's something of the similar powers, then returned.

The two Tanyas were there.

The living Tanya looked a bit shy and was looking down, and the maid ghost Tanya is floating by her side, holding her hand with a smiling face.

"You finished talking?"

[Un! I already convinced her up to her being me. After all, we're like this~]

The maid ghost Tanya raised her hand.

I saw their hands that held to each other's flash a light.

[Both of us knows that we're the same person~]

"I see. About you two having the same soul, huh"

[Un!]

"..."

"And then? Why is she facing down?"

[She's just a bit shy. So since she can't speak for herself, I'll tell it. Or rather, well, it's about me though~]

After saying that, the ghost maid Tanya stared straight at me and continued.

[Kakeru, do me]

"Alright"

"I-Immediate answer..."

"You don't want to?"

"A-Am I, okay...?"

"Of course"

After saying that, I walked towards her, pulled her into an embrace and tried to kiss her——but.

The ghost maid Tanya got in between us.

[Wait, Kakeru]

"What?"

[Let me join you too]

The smiling ghost maid Tanya said shyly.

[Let me be together with you too]

“W-We’re the same, so, uhmm...”

[Do us]

The human Tanya was very embarrassed that she couldn’t even speak the words, and the ghost Tanya was very aggressive.

Although their reactions were different, it looks like they feel just the same.

I looked at the two of them. Of course, there’s no probably at all.

I carried the living one with a princess carry and pulled the ghost one by her hand.

I took out my Magic Cottage, led them inside, and made them lie on the bed.

A human and a ghost, both with the same face, both with the same soul.

Together as one, I embraced the two of them taking their first times, loving them throughout the night.

Chapter 201

Still Can't Get Used To It

I woke up in the morning enveloped in warmth.
When I opened my eyes, two girls were snuggling to me while looking towards me.

It's Tanya, and Tanya.
The two who have exactly the same face.

Even their expressions started to turn the same, so I'm already starting difficulties in distinguishing which is which.
...or so I thought, but I could tell after all.

My eyes had adjusted to the morning light.
The Tanya from the future has a transparent body and the Tanya from the present is tangible.
It became the only way to distinguish which one it is, under the light of the sun.

[Good morning, Kakeru]
"Good morning, Kakeru-san"
"Good morning. Did you two sleep well?"

[That's impossible~, I'm this happy that my heart's thumping so loudly. Right~?]
"Un... it's pounding so much..."

The difference between them shows as well as soon as they started to speak.
The ghost one was cheerful and the human one was timid.

But although I said that, the difference between them had shrunk compared to yesterday.
The human one is starting to cheer up.

"Not bad", I thought.

[Oh, that's right. Kakeru, you can't tell which one is which like this right?]

“No, not really——”

“Please wait for a while”

The two Tanyas moved in sync with each other and tied up their hairs using a ribbon they brought from somewhere.

The transparent Tanya tied her hair to the right and the other Tanya tied her hair to the left.

Although they tied their hair to opposite sides, the length and thickness of the hair they tied were the same.

Looking at them side by side was as if I’m looking at a mirror with their reflections.



“What’s with that?”

[With this, you can now tell which is which right?]

“How does it look?”

“The two of you look lovely”

[We didn’t mean it like that though~, well, that’s good too~]

“Fufu...”

Although they said that, the two of them still showed their lovely smiles.

Now then, although I’d like to go on another round seeing how cute these two are, I’m a bit worried about Io and Hikari we left in Tanya’s house.

Io is already an A-Rank adventurer right now, and she’s even called Great Wizard or Hundred Lightning.

And Hikari is not even a human, but a Demon Sword.

That’s why I’m not worried about them being in danger. I just hope that they won’t worry about us.

“Let’s go back”, I told the two.

They nodded and helped each other wear clothes.

Seeing them, I was about to wear my clothes, but.

[Wait!]

“We’ll do it”

After the Tanyas dressed each other, they helped me wear my clothes.

The ghost Tanya is wearing the maid clothes that she had when I first met her, so I didn’t feel anything out of place.

After we dressed up, the three of us left the Magic Cottage.

I made it turn smaller and kept it in my Different Dimension Warehouse, then took out my Warp Feather.

“Uwa~...”

Tanya who saw the series of movements I did let out a voice of admiration.

[Ah! We’re warping huh]

“That’s right?”

“What do you mean by warp?”

“Just look”

I raised the Warp Feather and warped the three of us to Tanya’s house.
With this, I should see her surprised face again—— but when I was thinking of that.

Lightning fell from the sky!!

“Hmph!”

I instinctively unsheathed Eleanor and guarded.
The two Tanyas are by my side so I released my aura to protect them.

The impacts continued to come.
Once, twice, thrice——

This... I know it.
It’s Io’s ultimate attack that would drop a hundred lightning consecutively.

One by one, I guarded against the lightning that fell.

Grips

The human Tanya grabbed my clothes.
She’s trembling. It looks like she’s frightened by the sudden event.

I held her chin and kissed her as I guarded against the lightning.

“Don’t worry”
“...okay”

Tanya nodded with a dumbfounded expression.
She stopped trembling. Good girl.

Then I continued to wait for the lightning to end falling.

After the rain of lightning ended.

“It’s decided with this——Ah! Kakeru-san?!”

“Yo”

Io was surprised seeing me appear under the rising smoke.

“W-Why are you there?!”

“I returned by warping. Rather than that, why did you use your hundred——ahh, this guy huh”

I didn’t even finish when I felt a killing intent from behind.

I turned and saw a white snake.

It’s the same thing as yesterday. There was another one here huh.

Io released her ultimate move to resist against this huh.

“Kakeru-san! Are you alright?!”

“No problem”

Before that, I should take care of this guy.

Sensing my fighting intent, Hikari came to me.

“Otou-san”

“Yeah”

I grabbed Hikari who returned to her Demon Sword form and instantly killed the white snake using the mother and daughter Demon Swords.

It divided into a lot just like yesterday, but Hikari’s with me now, so it only took me half the time to kill them.

After making sure I killed it completely, I saw the human Tanya stunned.

“What amazing lightning... a girl turns into a Demon Sword...? Two Eleanors...? Eh? Eh? Ehhhhhhh?!”

Tanya was completely confused by the scene that happened in front of her, while the ghost Tanya watched her past self with warm eyes.

Chapter 202

The Next Target

"I'm sorry, Kakeru-san! Are you okay?!"

Io apologized in a panic.

"Don't mind it. It's just an accident, and we're the ones who got on the way. Rather than that, what happened here?"

I asked while looking down on the corpses of the snake.

It divided a lot in the process of killing it, so it is now full of snakes around here.

"I don't know. It suddenly attacked after I woke up"

"I see"

"But, to think that it was a monster that divides... thank goodness Kakeru-san returned. I couldn't have done anything to it if I was alone"

"That may not be the case. It should be an easy win even if it's just you"

"That's not true at all"

"You can do it"

"Yes..."

Io looked down happily, yet embarrassingly at the same time.

Probably, she took it as me comforting her, but it's fine like that right now.

She should understand if I let her defeat it the next time.

Rather than that, the troublesome thing is these snakes' corpses.

"I guess I should ground them up"

"Ah! If it's that, then please leave it to me!"

"Alright, I'll leave it to you"

Io looked very pumped up, so I left it to her.

She fixed her hat and raised her magic staff with a smile.

The next instant, I felt her magic powers rise.

[Hou?]

An enormous amount of magic powers flowed that even Eleanor reacted. The light of magic rose and enveloped Io. Her wizard clothes fluttered in the air without wind.

The magic powers then gathered to the tip of her staff, creating a small ball. It was a ball the size of a ping-pong ball, small enough to be held by hands of a child like Hikari. However, it was surrounded by sparking lightning.

“That is?”

“I would usually throw it to an enemy, but this time, I’ll do it like this”

Io moved her magic staff. The lightning ball moved as well, as if it was connected to the tip of her staff.

The ball touches the snake’s corpse... and it disappeared without a sound.



As if a very strong cleaner was used to clean the dirt, the ball of lightning erased the corpse, turning it into ashes in an instant.

“That’s amazing. You would normally throw it huh”

“Yes! The compressed ball of lightning would change everything it touches into ash. I got a hint from Agnes and Julia’s conversation, and just completed it a while ago”

“He~, that’s impressive”

“That’s not true at all...”

Io shyly used the ball of lightning and cleaned up the corpses.

Everything that touched the ball changed into ashes, showing just how massive Io’s magic powers are.

The A-Rank Adventurer, the Great Wizard, Io of Hundred Lightning.

“She’s grown so much since I’ve met her”, I thought.

Suddenly, I looked towards Tanya who looked speechless.

“Tanya, what’s the matter?”

“Amazing... she was a magician. I want to be like that too...”

[You can, you know~]

“Eh? I-I can?”

[Un! You are me after all~, you’ll be like this at the least~!]

The ghost Tanya said that in high spirits and possessed Tanya’s house.

The instant she possessed the house, it immediately changed the atmosphere around it. Soon after, she shot our Ice Arrows to the sky.

Countless arrows were shot, as if an armed fortress was defending itself against its enemy.

It’s a unique ability only Tanya has. She probably gained the ability to turn structures into fortresses because of being an evil spirit that was bounded to my mansion for many years.

It’s just that my offense was far greater, so Tanya was unable to use this ability when we first met.

After a while, Tanya left the house and returned.

[Just like that~]

“Amazing... you were such an amazing person too...”

[I am you, you know. That’s why you should become like that too. Don’t worry]

“Is that, so...”

“Jii～～”

Hikari who returned to her human form stood in front of Tanya and stared her up.

“W-What?”

“Onee-chan, did you become Otou-san’s woman-san?”

“Eh?”

Tanya’s face instantly turned red, hearing Hikari’s frank question.

“It was like that huh!”

“T-That is...”

Tanya glanced at me and nodded timidly. After that, she looked down shyly.

“If so, then it’s alright. Everyone’s saying Otou-san’s woman-san will become a “good woman””

“I-Is that so?”

“Un! Everyone’s like that. Right～? Okaa-san”

[I was amazing from the start though]

“But, Delfina-oneechan said, that Okaa-san became gentle”

[What——!]

Eleanor lost her words.

“Hahaha. As expected of Delfina. People who experienced holding you must have something that can tell”

[...Hikari, next time you meet that woman, call her Delfina-obachan](Aunt Delfina)

“Stop that”

I flicked the childish Eleanor with a finger.

And while we chatted like that, Io cleared up the corpses of the snake.



I returned to the village with everyone.

Although the pair of man and woman failed, I was curious about the words “erasing Eleanor” they spoke of.

I returned to the village to meet that fortune teller called Akansa and ask her to read Eleanor’s fortune or ask about Eleanor.

“Ne～, ne～, Otou-san. It’s quite noisy”

“It looks like the villagers gathered in one place. Are their fortunes going to be read again?”

“It’s not. That place is where notices are put up when there is”

“Notice?”

“Yes”

Tanya who is a member of this village said.

We approached, and just like Tanya said, there was a notice put up in the place many villagers gathered.

The villagers saw that and talked among themselves.

Tanya glanced at me and enthusiastically run over there.

She called out to a middle-aged woman who was staring at the notice.

“Uhm, what happened?”

“Tanya-chan, huh. Well, it’s just that Rodotos-sama is gathering soldiers again”

“Soldiers? Didn’t Rodotos-sama unified the world already?”

“It looks like the opponent this time isn’t human”

“What is he going to fight?”

“Uhh, what was it again... ahh, that’s right”

The middle-aged woman looked at the notice again, then said.

“The Dragon King, Olivia’s subjugation. That’s what’s written”

“——!”

Dragon King Olivia?

Dragon... Olivia...

That, don't tell me...

"O-chan?"

Hikari's mumblings made me knit my eyebrows.

Chapter 203

The Child Surpasses the Parent?

Olivia.

A dragon, and an opponent I fought once.

Delfina explained it to me like this before.

Dragons are super-beings that have strong strength and magic powers, as well as high intelligence. That is why, all dragons possess a strong pride, consciously acting as “powerful beings”.

On the other side, at the time of a dragon’s death, it’s as if they turned into a candle that shows its final flash, their strength would explosively increase just like a supernova. When that happens, they lose all their reason and intelligence, degrading into an existence that only brings destruction.

The color of their bodies would change, and would be feared as Red Dragons.

Because dragons possess strong pride, they despise becoming an existence that only brings destruction, so many of them would end their lives before that happens.

However, there are also dragons who continue to have an attachment to their lives, and as a result of struggling to live, they would turn into Red Dragons after being swallowed by their own powers.

Olivia is an example of that. She turned into a Red Dragon in Mercouri Kingdom’s territory, causing thousands of lives lost.

And after that, I defeated her.

That giant red dragon, she is one of the strongest foes I’ve ever met.



I looked at the notice.

I see. Rodotos is gathering soldiers to defeat Olivia huh.

[To think that another name that we know would appear again]

“From my perspective, both you and Olivia are similar existences. Both of you far

exceed the longevity of a human. I'm not surprised about Olivia's existence after meeting you"

[Hmm, I guess that can't be helped]

"However, Rodotos and Olivia huh... I'm not that interested in both"

I muttered while looking at the notice.

There is only one thing I'm interested in this world in the past. It's the powers that are taking action to erase Eleanor's existence.

If this past is connected to our present, then I should checkout those powers, and maybe crush them in some cases.

That's why Rodotos' plan on attacking Olivia doesn't concern me.

That was what I thought. But.

"I want to meet O-chan"

"Let's go and meet her then"

[Wait a second! You, you're good just like that?!]

Eleanor made a tsukkomi immediately.

Normally, Eleanor could tell most of what I'm thinking.

Depending on when it is, she might not know the minor details, but most of my plans and emotions are free for her to feel.

Of course, I'm sure that Eleanor knows my plan on crushing those powers that want to erase her existence.

That's why she shouted like that.

"Hikari is saying she wants to meet Olivia"

[Ku! This doting parent]

"Are you going to stop her then?"

[Mu?!]

"Hikari, Okaa-san's saying wait"

"Okaa-san, I can't meet O-chan?"

Hikari stared at Eleanor intently.

She stared at Eleanor with her lovely eyes, unique to those young girls.

[Ggu...]

Eleanor was steamrolled by Hikari's cute begging.

This girl, she's always calling me a doting parent, but she's more of that than I am.
If Hikari asks for it——

[L-Let me see. Well, it might be better to see what kind of person the Olivia in the past is]

——of course she can't refuse.
It's also cute of her making things up to hide her embarrassment.

Well then, now that's decided.
We should go meet Olivia for Hikari.
The thing with Eleanor comes after that.

“...and then? Where's Olivia?”

I asked with the premise that we're going.

“I'm sorry, I don't know”
[Me too]
[I also just found out that Olivia is also in this era]

The three people who might have an idea where she is answered they don't know at once.

Although she's also a Demon Sword, Hikari wouldn't know for sure. Io hasn't been born yet in this era, so of course she doesn't know.

That was what I thought, but.

“I, I might know where she is”

Unexpectedly, Io said something like that.

“What do you mean by you might know?”
“I received a quest from the Guild before. It's to investigate other dragons, whether there is the risk of more Red Dragons appearing”

[That's quite a huge job. After all, for dragons, it's like they're being told “you didn't clean up your mess”]
“That's probably why they gave the quest to Io. Io is currently the Guild's ace

adventurer after all”
“You overpraise me...”

Io looked down shyly.

“And so, I investigated a lot of things about Olivia. Olivia-san, it looks like she lived all her life in a place called Edassa before she turned into a Red Dragon”

[That’s some impressive information]

“Yeah. Good job, Io”

“Yes. Uhm... Kakeru-san...”

Io started fidgeting, looking up to me as if she wants something.

I immediately understood. I pulled Io to an embrace and kissed her.

Io who received her “reward” leaned her body to mine with steamy eyes.

The human Tanya suddenly held her breath. She looked at her with envious eyes.

On the other hand, the villagers who are in front of the notice looked at us with eyes saying “what the heck are these guys”. I ignored them.

“Now that’s decided, let’s depart towards Edassa. Where’s Edassa by the way?”

“I’m sorry, I don’t know that far”

Io said with an apologetic expression.

“What about Tanya?”

“I’m sorry, I’ve never heard it before...”

“What about Eleanor?”

[I dunno]

“Hikari... well, she probably doesn’t know”

Because there was Io’s case, I asked Hikari to be sure but she only shook her head.

“I’ll know when we get closer. I’m always with O-chan after all”

“I see. Well, what should we do now?”

“——! Please wait for a while”

After saying that, Tanya asked around the villagers.

After a while, she returned disappointed.

“No one knew...”

She said with her shoulders dropped.

She probably wanted to help me and get a reward just like Io.

She looked so pity. I should make up some reason later and kiss her.

Well, leaving that on the side.

What should we do?

[Shouldn't you just become a soldier? Rodotos is going to subjugate Olivia. If you follow the gathering of the soldiers, you should be able to meet her. That, or we could get information along the way]

“Well, that's true”

In the end, we responded to the recruitment of soldiers.



We departed from the village and arrived at a town called Faara.

Unlike the quiet rural village, it seems to be a crowded town.

According to what I heard from Tanya, it looks like this town is the largest in this region, so it is not unusual for the villagers to come here and earn a living.

We went to the gathering place of the soldier recruitment.

Robust, strong men, and magicians holding their staff.

People that clearly look like they “can fight” can be seen over here and there.

So that we could mix up within the soldiers, and so that they wouldn't be seen with lustful eyes, I used my camouflage aura on Io, Tanya, and Hikari, so that they would look like normal men.

The camouflage aura can only be seen through by those who have powers equal or surpassing Eleanor's, so there should be no problem.

“After this, we only need to make sure Olivia doesn't get defeated. We're going on a subjugation. A single fight can't be avoided”

[It should be alright. You could defeat her even after she turned into a Red Dragon]

“I guess so”

I looked around.

The soldier recruitment gathered many kinds of people, but... there doesn't seem to be strong ones.

"No matter how many of these guys they gather, they won't be Olivia's match right?"
[They are probably going to be used as cannon fodder]
"You will? Or is it Rodotos?"

Well, I think that both of them would try to do that.

[Who knows?]

Eleanor dodged the question.
Well, whatever.

Now then, I wonder how long we should stay here——

"Hikari?"

I noticed Hikari staring intently at one man.
It's a young man. One that has a common face that you won't remember passing by.
Well, he has a good built... don't tell me, Hikari is?!

"I won't give you my daughter"——that line instantly appeared in my head.
——but.

"O-chan"
"Eh?"

Hikari ran and embraced the man.

"Un, it's really O-chan"
"Huh? You... are not human?"

The man whispered in doubt, but it was clearly not a man's voice, it's a woman's.

Don't tell me... she's Olivia?
But, why? Also, how?

[Kukuku, you got beaten by Hikari]

Eleanor interestingly said while I was wondering.
For starters, I gave her a flick of a finger.

Chapter 204

Making the Daughter's Pet “Sit”

“You’re... Olivia...?”

I looked at the man in front of me.

No matter how I look at him, he looks like a human, a man even.

From the name Olivia, from what I heard from Althea, and from what I heard from Hikari...

I concluded that she’s a female——a woman.

But now, a man...?

“Did someone say Olivia?”

“Where is it!”

“It mixed within us!”

My whisper spread out like the ripples made by a rock thrown into it.

The soldiers gathered at once and surrounded that guy.

Soon after, the soldiers attacked without any warning.

I instinctively pulled Hikari to back.

The soldiers immediately seized the man to the ground.

However, he did not show any sign of panic.

[The real one huh]

“...yeah”

I agreed with Eleanor.

There’s no way he’s someone simple, not panicking even in this situation.

“Oro oro～, I got found out huh～. U～n, I thought that my disguise was perfect though～”

“Give up, Olivia!”

“Somebody, let the general know! Ask him to bring the Dragon Slaying Spear!”

The soldiers moved at once.

The next instant——the color of the world changed.
The color of the sky, the color of the ground, the color of the buildings.
All and every color was reversed.

“W-What is happening?!”
“Be careful! It’s planning to do something!”
“Eiii! Kill it before it kills us!”

The soldiers attacked although they were confused.
Spears, arrows, and magic were thrown towards that man who was seized to the ground.

But all of that——it was reflected.
The soldiers were blown away by an explosive smoke.

Within that smoke, a giant dragon showed its visage.
Although it’s big, it’s a little smaller than the Red Dragon I know.
But in return, its eyes shows intelligence and releases a strong pressure.

Dragon——the Dragon King Olivia.
I was sure now that the one in front of me is the real thing.

Olivia went on a rampage within the world with reversed colors.
It mowed the soldiers with its tail, grabbed them with its front arm and crushed their bones.
It even breathed out fire towards the group of soldiers charging towards her, burning them until they turned black.

Suddenly, a strange phenomenon occurred.
The soldiers that Olivia defeated remained in their state, but the town buildings that was burnt and destroyed was automatically repaired.
It all returned to their original condition as if I was watching a video backward.

It kills humans. However, it repairs the town.
I see. That’s the effect of this reversed world huh.

After it cleaned up the soldiers, Olivia turned towards us.

“It’s coming——”, that’s what I thought, but.

“”Ten Worlds Hundred Lightning Array””

Io released her great magic.

It’s her ultimate attack that releases the lightning bolts to the same space, with all one hundred of them at once.

It’s a powerful magic that would easily crush an armored fortress.

All of the lightning landed on Olivia, with each one releasing a thunderous roar.

“Did I defeat it?!”

The lightning stopped and after Io whispered.

A tail came flailing from the smoke.

Io reacted and guarded with a magic circle, but it was destroyed and she was blown away.

I caught up to her and caught her.

I quickly took out a recovery magic ball from my Different Dimension Warehouse and healed her.

“I’m sorry, Kakeru-san”

“Don’t mind it”

I put Io down and stood in front of her.

“Oro, oro～, I was surprised, I didn’t think a human who could use magic this powerful was mixed within. Oh! There’s an even more amazing one huh～”

“You’re Olivia?”

“Yes. Who are you?”

“Just a nameless man”

[In this era, that is]

“Oro～? Oro, oro～?”

The smoke completely cleared and Olivia showed its appearance unwounded.

The dragon tilted its huge head left to right and stared at me.

“Looking at you very carefully... you’re hiding something? What’s this?”

“——. Hmph!”

I unsheathed Eleanor and slashed towards it.

Although it was unable to see through it, it knows that there’s something.

Eleanor’s camouflage aura, the aura that hides her.

The aura that can’t be seen through unless one has powers equal to her, Olivia noticed it.

It’s dangerous to be on the defensive. I should attack!

I slashed using Eleanor and Olivia blocked using its dragon claws.

An explosion was created.

An explosion that exceeded Io’s lighting was made.

I raised my gear.

With this Olivia as an opponent, it would be dangerous the instant I hold back and let it hold the advantage.

That’s why I slashed with Eleanor with full force from the first exchange.

Because I slashed with full force, I was unable to maintain the camouflage aura. Eleanor could be seen now.

“Rodotos himself is mixed within huh”

“You know Eleanor huh”

“Orororo～? This, it isn’t like how it is? Who are you? Did you steal Eleanor or something?”

“Don’t say it like I stole someone’s lover”

“Well, whatever. I should find out after defeating you”

The fight with Olivia was fierce.

When I wounded it using Eleanor, it healed instantly, then counterattacked with a swing of its tail.

After it destroyed buildings, I jumped out to grab its tail, and throw it into the other buildings.

The town was destroyed, then it was repaired, then it was destroyed again.
The fight with Olivia was fierce.

We fought against each other equally. But when I thought what I should do next.

“Ororo, there’s no end to this like this”

“Give up now?”

“No way, no way——just right now, power~~~~ uppp~!”

Together with its strangely flat voice, Olivia did something like a guts pose, raising its front legs up to the sky.

“What’s it up to?”, I thought.

Although it said power up, I don’t feel it getting stronger.

“A bluff?”

[It’s coming!]

“Mu?!”

Whirling flames suddenly came from my right.

I blocked with Eleanor, but this time, countless ice spears were flying towards me from the left.

But even after I hit down all of it, the ground below me suddenly cracked, and lightning more than ten times Io’s fell from the sky.

And when I was dealing with all of that, blocking and parrying,

“You’re quite amazing”

I heard Olivia’s voice from behind.

It quickly went behind me with speed that doesn’t fit a dragon’s giant body.

It clawed towards me with its front leg.

A huge twenty-meter deep hole was made with me on the bottom.

“This should be enough——eh, huh?”

Olivia who pulled back its leg was stunned. It looked as if it can’t believe what it had seen.

“Two... Eleanors?”

I blocked Olivia’s attack using Eleanor and Hikari who joined just before.

The mother and daughter Demon Swords, the two Demon Swords perfectly blocked Olivia’s attack.

I jumped out of the twenty-meter deep hole. In the world where the colors are reversed, the hole was automatically repaired.

“It’s strong”

[Umu, it might even be stronger than “that” Olivia]

[Even more than O-chan?]

“Its power is a bit weaker, but its tactics——no, it’s fighting sense is far better”

[That is what having intelligence does]

[Oh~, as expected of O-chan huh]

The battle continued.

I launched a fierce assault on Olivia who was confused by the increase of Demon Swords.

I attacked with all that I have——120% of my strength.

Not only with Eleanor, but together with Hikari too.

I chopped off its tail and its front leg that had sharp claws.

I kicked Olivia up to the air then made it fall crashing to the ground.

Its huge body created a huge crater.

The dragon came crawling out of that crater.

I pounded its head when it was about to stand up, making it crawl on the ground.

The battle is concluded.

I repeatedly pounded Olivia who continued to try to counterattack, making it do the same pose.

I overwhelmed her just like that. And in the end, I even felt as if it was like training a dog.

Chapter 205

The Reason She Became a Red Dragon

After defeating Olivia, the reversed world turned back to normal.

Although the humans she defeated did not return, the buildings and the ground——those which do not have life returned.

After seeing that, I took the girls and Olivia to warp away using my Warp Feather. We arrived at Maraton's Spring. The place where I fought the white snake.

I don't have a base in this era, so I chose this place that has an impression on me and won't have others disturbing us.

After I put down the girls, I faced Olivia.
She turned to a humanoid form from a dragon.

She had horns growing from her head and wings from her back.
She exactly looks like a dragonkin.

On the other hand, she is also a very beautiful girl in her human form.
Her eyes show some pride, and yet it feels profound.
She's the kind of woman I like.

"Ouch～... to think that I would lose to a human"

"You haven't been defeated until now?"

"Never, well, at least against humans. And then? Who are you? You're not that Rodotos guy right? He's not that strong"

Olivia sat on the ground crossed feet and looked up to me.

I looked down at her, stared at her eyes that has the light of intelligence that is unique to dragons.

For some reason, I felt that it was alright to tell her the truth.

"I'm Yuuki Kakeru, I came from the future"

"Heh～?"

“This one’s Eleanor, but she’s not the Eleanor that you know, but the Eleanor from my era that I brought”

“Oro, oro～, I see. That’s why she’s somewhat different to Eleanor huh”

“You can tell?”

“She’s famous after all”

[Kuku]

Eleanor let out a cheerful laugh.

“I see, I see. From the future huh～. How interesting”

“You believed me so easily. Do you know other cases of time and space movement?”

I expected something from her knowledge.

It’s fine and good coming here passing through time and space using the “wonderful adventure” that I got from the lottery, but I’m a bit troubled about Eleanor and Tanya. It would be helpful if Olivia knows something.

That was what I expected, but.

“Unya～, I don’t know”

“You don’t?!”

“But I just felt that there’s probably something like that～. Moving through time and space, it’s not that strange putting it in words”

“...you have quite a personality”

“Thanks”

Olivia beamed a smile.

[How wise. As expected from a dragon]

“Eleanor praised you right now”

“That’s nice”

After saying that, she stared at me with a serious face and asked.

“And then? Human, do you know me in the future?”

“Yeah, I fought you once. You were stronger in the future”

“Ororo～? I should’ve passed my peak strength though”

“Red Dragon”

“Arya~, I became like that?”

Olivia showed a surprised face.

“Yeah, you did”

I told her about what happened.

I fought her when she became a Red Dragon, and defeated her.

After that, she became a Chibi Dragon, and became Hikari’s best friend.

“I reincarnated huh~. Hikari is? Don’t tell me...”

“Yeah”

I nodded and returned Hikari who was behaving herself to her human form.

And, she hugged Olivia.

“O-chan!”

“Ororo~, it looks like we get along very well”

“Un. O-chan and Hikari, they’re bestfriends”

“I see, I see. It looks like my next life isn’t that bad. To think that I’ll be friends with a Demon Sword. Demon Sword-chan, what’s your name?”

“I’m Yuuki Hikari”

“Heh~ ... ah, Yuuki?”

Olivia looked at me and Hikari with a strange face.

“Hikari is Otou-san and Okaa-san’s daughter you know?”

“Otou-san?”

Olivia pointed at me. I nodded.

“Okaa-san?”

This time she pointed at Eleanor. I nodded in Eleanor’s stead.

“You made a Demon Sword pregnant?! So amazing!”

“Don’t say it weirdly”

“Of course it’s weird! Doesn’t this mean that you made a Demon Sword pregnant? It’s even Eleanor! Of course I’ll be like “amazing!””

Olivia quickly said.

“Haa～ ... Eleanor, huh...”

“Well, that is——”

I replied without thinking, but——I suddenly felt a killing intent.
The killing intent, it came from——Olivia!

She suddenly pounced on me and clawed towards me in her human form while releasing magic.

“What is it so suddenly?!” I thought as I guarded against her magic and released a counter punch to her face.

Oh shit, she felt so strong so I couldn’t hold back, using all of my strength to punch her.

Olivia was blown away to the opposite direction as if she was hit by a truck.

Tens of trees collapsed to cushion her fall and only after that that she stopped.

“O-chan!”

Hikari worriedly ran up to her. I also walked towards her quickly.

Within the dust cloud, Olivia was touching her face——the part where my fist landed on.

“As expected of you human”

“What are you doing so suddenly?”

“No, I just checked something”

“Check? What?”

“I, I now know why I became a Red Dragon”

“Eh?”

The reason Olivia became a Red Dragon.
I was a bit interested in that.

Most of the time, the reason why dragons that possess strong pride and intelligence would turn into a Red Dragon is because of their regrets.

One could also call it an attachment.

I was a bit interested in what she was attached to, and why she did so.

She couldn't speak properly after she turned to Chibi Dragon, so I thought of not minding it anymore.

But Olivia suddenly told that herself.

"Why?"

"That is..."

After giving me a stare——Olivia hugged Hikari.

"It's to meet Hikari-chan～!"

"O-chan, it's tickling～"

"O～ri, guriguriguriguri～～"

"Ahahahaha"

Olivia played with Hikari

...I, see?

After knowing Hikari's existence, she would turn into a Red Dragon, make me stop her, and meet Hikari after reincarnating?

Did she thought of that and turned into a Red Dragon?

That theory fits.

If she knows about the future, then that should be possible too.

And most of all, Hikari and Olivia——Chibi Dragon, they really have a well-going relationship.

I remembered that and was convinced.

——but.

"But, O-chan really loves Otou-san right?"

"...heh?"

I involuntarily let out a dumbfounded voice.

I couldn't help myself because of what Hikari suddenly said.

“What are you saying Hikari”

“Ororo~, you exposed me”

“What? Exposed——”

Olivia pounced towards me again.

There was no killing intent this time so I was late to react.

Because I reacted an instant late, Olivia caught me off guard and kissed me.

It was a kiss that was only a peck——one that she strongly did.

After kissing, I saw her dragonkin face very close staring at me.

Her eyes were both wet and hot.

“This is my attachment”

“Aren’t we going too fast? We had just met”

“You defeated me two times. That’s enough for a dragon. And also, this is already love in minus hundreds of years”

“That number doesn’t sound possible”

I didn’t continue to say how weird it is.

“Human, you made me fall for you this much. Take responsibility”

“If you’re talking about that, I already did”

After all, I already stopped her after she turned to a Red Dragon.

“I ask for more”

“I got it”

I picked up Olivia to a princess hold and took out my Magic Cottage.

“Hikari, go play with Io and the others”

“Un! Good for you, O-chan”

Hikari gave her blessings to her future partner with a face full of smile, trotted away towards Io and Tanya who were looking from far away.

After seeing that Hikari off, I carried Olivia to the Magic Cottage, and pushed her down on the bed.

The dragon who was subdued by force, she was very obedient, and—quite masochistic.

Chapter 206

The Two Men Seeking the Body

Olivia snuggled up to me on the bed.

She had the toughness fit for a dragon, so although it was her first time, she still had the leeway although I loved her throughout the night.

“She’s as tough as Melissa”, I thought.

“By the way, why were you there? Among the soldiers that Rodotos gathered to subjugate you”

“I would sometimes sneak in and play——Cough, Cough, I infiltrated to gather information. Humans wanted to kill me, so naturally, I need to know what’s happening”

Olivia abruptly changed what she was about to say.

I somehow understood that about 70% of the reason is because she thought it was interesting to mix in with them, but I didn’t say it out loud.

“Sometimes? You mean you infiltrated many times huh. Did you find out anything interesting?”

“I did~, firstly, it looks like Rodotos wants my body”

[That guy shouldn’t have any interest in women though?]

“——that’s what she’s telling though?”

“Ororo~, he was gay huh? No, well, I didn’t mean it like that. It’s that, you know, they say that eating the Dragon King’s flesh would turn humans immortal?”

“Was that so?”

I didn’t know.

“Un, that’s right. Rodotos’s body is already in tatters after all”

“Why is it in tatters?”

[It is because of the contract between us. In return for giving Rodotos the world, he let me use his body as I wanted. It was for five years, I think, that I was able to enjoy it]

“In other words, his body got into a mess because of Eleanor, and he’s targeting you to gain a body that can endure”

“Un”

I see.

It's the first time I heard eating the Dragon King's flesh would turn someone immortal. If that's true, then it isn't that strange.

I heard from Eleanor that she had played with Rodotos a lot many times, so I could connect the lines and understand why Rodotos is targeting Olivia.

“It's useless though”

“It is?”

“Ororo~, you haven't heard it from Eleanor? There was once Eleanor's wielder within my race, but in the end, he got possessed, well, got his mind controlled”

Un?

Olivia's race? Dragons?

Eleanor, she...

[I have not heard of a person whose heart was not controlled by Eleanor. There is not one even in the history. Even the Overlord Rodotos and Dragonkin Olga wasn't an exception. If that is so, it is the convincing proof that it is a fake because you are holding it composedly]

Delfina's confident smile appeared inside my head.

“Orga, huh?”

“Un”

I remembered and Olivia nodded.

I didn't hear it directly from Eleanor. I heard it from Delfina.

That was when I met Delfina for the first time.

She doubted Eleanor's authenticity, so I let her hold Eleanor.

After that, I pushed Delfina down to save her from the aftereffects of being possessed by Eleanor.

That was the first night I spent with Delfina.

That's right. Delfina said so at that time.

Overlord Rodotos and Dragonkin Orga.

“I see. That Orga person is your victim too huh”

[He was tough compared to humans]

“Don’t talk about him like a toy”

“Un, that’s right, Orga. That’s why there’s no use to it even if Rodotos consumes the Dragon King’s flesh. Although his lifespan would be extended, there’s no use to it against Eleanor”

“I see”

In short, it’s all over for Rodotos.

Well, that can’t be helped. The Rodotos and Eleanor that I fought soon after I came to this era.

That Eleanor was even stronger than Eleanor who is with me from the future.

The powers of the Demon Sword is stronger in this era, so I could easily imagine that it’s already too late for Rodotos.

Thinking of that, I actually felt a little bad for him.

“Also, I found out another interesting thing”

“What?”

“The powers that are taking action to erase Eleanor’s existence, they’re actually ordered by Rodotos”

“Hmm?”

“He used his subordinates secretly, so although their said goal is to defeat Rodotos and Eleanor, the truth is that only Eleanor is going to be erased”

[Kukuku. I see, he plans on using me then throw me away after his goal is achieved]

Eleanor laughed very interestingly.

I see. Obtaining a body that can control Eleanor, and erasing Eleanor itself.

Rodotos is taking actions for both huh.

It looks like he’s not a simple guy.



Although Olivia was acting calm, she felt strange inside.

She was prepared to offer her own body to him.

She had already done so sexually, so she was ready to do so physically.

Although becoming an immortal was an exaggeration, if humans were to eat her flesh, the Dragon King's flesh, they would immediately gain the same lifespan and strong body as dragons.

From the humans' perspective, that is almost the same as becoming immortal

And all of the humans who heard that showed their desires in their eyes without exception.

There are no humans who do not wish for immortality. That was what Olivia believed.

Olivia also thought that Kakeru is the same. After bringing out that topic, she was resolved to hand over her own body and make him consume her flesh.

However, Kakeru did not say anything.

He did not show any signs of interest in immortality.

Instead, he slept with Olivia once again.

He gently used his hands to caress her body, asking for a more passionate action.

He sought Olivia for her femininity, rather than immortality.

Deep within Olivia's woman body that was full of pleasure, she felt herself becoming even more infatuated with Kakeru.

She became strongly infatuated with Kakeru, so much that she did cling to her life, not caring about becoming an ugly beast called Red Dragon.

Kakeru did not know anything about that.

He was only acting, as usual, sleep with a good woman, and embrace her with love.

He was completely uninterested in mere immortality.

Chapter 207

All Acquaintances, Assemble

I left the Magic Cottage and glanced at Olivia who I left inside the cottage.

“...”

[What’s the matter?]

“No, I just felt I’m about to remember something”

[By looking at her? The Dragon King Olivia, if I would pick someone that has a link to her in your memories, I think that it’s that Saint who’s just as tough as her?]

“Melissa? U~n, it’s not Melissa”

I tilted my head again and thought.

“Something just bothers me, probably something with Rodotos”

[Rodotos? Well, she and Rodotos are enemies though]

“U~n”

I thought about it, but couldn’t find out in the end.

[It only means it is something that is not worth remembering]

“I guess so”

I decided to think of it like that.

It bothers me a bit, but I guess no matter how I think about it, I can’t remember if I can’t.

Deja Vu’s are also like that, most of the time it’s just your imagination.

Well then, since Olivia is resting, Io and Tanya’s presence is inside the Magic Cottage. For Olivia, it might be better to rest here for today.

But when I was thinking of that.

A presence attacked me.

It’s a holy presence, opposite to that of Eleanor.

I turned around and saw a white snake.

It's completely similar to the ones I defeated before, but there's five of them.

"These things again... why do they appear here again?"

[What are you going to do?]

"Kakeru-san!"

Io rushed out of the Magic Cottage holding her staff.

Tanya also came out. She looks somewhat out of sorts.

Olivia also went outside. Although her hips were trembling a bit, she was full of spirits.

The three women. They look beautiful standing side by side.

"Just watch from there"

"Eh? Ah, okay"

Io lowered her staff.

"Io-san, is it alright?"

"Un, we can leave it to Kakeru-san"

"Human, that is Eleanor's natural enemy. Isn't it better if we lend you a hand?"

"It's alright——rather, it would be troublesome later"

"Eh?"

"What do you mean by later?"

Leaving aside the women talking, I made Hikari turn into a Demon Sword, and charged towards the snakes.

As usual, they were very annoying.

They're powerful, tough, would annoyingly divide into two per piece after I chopped them.

When I noticed it, the five snakes quickly turned to a hundred snakes.

Some tried to attack the women, but I grabbed them using my aura, pulled them to me and chopped them into two.

And halfway.

[One~, two~]

[Mu~, only Hikari's counter is increasing. Oi, use me more]

The white snakes finally reached the limits of their division, and the mother and daughter Demon Swords started counting just like sometime in the past. And while they did that, I killed the snakes one by one.



The three woman watched Kakeru fight courageously in front of the Magic Cottage. Kakeru was like a typhoon, his way of fighting even made the Dragon King Olivia sigh in admiration. He used Eleanor to defeat Eleanor's natural enemy. Logically, it was an unbelievable thing.

The woman watched him fight. Suddenly, Io muttered.

"I wonder, if my body will last..."

Io muttered something that seemed to be completely unrelated to the scene in front of them.

Tanya asked while tilting her head.

"What do you mean by that, Io-san?"

"You know, Kakeru-san, he's, uhm, very strong in bed after fighting. From how it looks, I think that it would be double of the usual after he defeats all of them"

"Ororo~ ... d-double?!"

"Un, double"

Io looked at Olivia with a solemn expression and nodded.

Olivia had her hips shaking even now after being ravaged by Kakeru.

So it was natural for her to be surprised that it would be double of that.

"B-But, there's three of us. And Olivia-sama is a dragon"

"...I think it's not enough"

"Un, absolutely not"

Olivia who had just experienced it, and Io who had been with Kakeru the longest here affirmed.

Tanya turned pale——with a tint of redness.

“But, Kakeru-san’s kind, so”

Io and Olivia also blushed and timidly nodded.

The three of them knows.

They found out using their body.

The Demon Sword Wielder is the most frightening opponent in the battlefield, but. He’s a man who is very gentle to his followers, especially to women.

The girls were well aware of that.



I wiped out the white snakes.

I got out of my breathe a little.

Eleanor and Hikari counted and in the end, its sum exceeded three hundred.

Three hundred snake corpses were piled up like a mountain.

The ground was covered by them and the mountain can’t be seen properly anymore.

“Io, can you——”

I turned around to ask Io to clean it up, but that instant.

“Guwa!”

An impact passed through my whole body.

The impact reverberated in the core of my body.

[Muu!]

[Kyaaaaaa!]

Even more than me, Eleanor and Hikari seemed painful.

The impact that passed through my body was not a simple attack.

It was with holy powers——opposite to the mother and daughter Demon Swords. It was a power far greater than what the white snakes possess.

Because of that, Eleanor and Hikari were suffering.

[Otou-san... Okaa-san]

[Hikari! You, hurry up and——!]

“UOOOOOOOOO!”

I gathered every strength in my body.

777x, 100% additional attack, Copy Plus.

I gathered every strength I got in an instant, and concentrated them to my right hand.
And, I swept.

——*pop*.

The holy powers were blasted off very easily, as if a paper gun was popped.
A sense of release enveloped my body, and I felt Hikari let out a breath of relief.

“How strange. I thought it was a fake or inferior, but it was a Demon Sword that could block that level of power huh”

I heard a woman’s voice.

Chirin I heard the sound of a bell.

I turned towards the direction where the voice came from, there was a beautiful woman standing on top of the white snakes.

A woman with twin tails, with a face that I know.

And that woman, she has a solemn expression on that face that I know.

The next instant, I understood what it was about Rodotos that bothered me.

[I see. This intelligent woman was on Rodotos’ side]

Eleanor also remembered.

That’s right. Eleanor said during the first time we met.

The intelligent woman who helped Rodotos conquer the world.

And her name as well.

“Great Sage——”

“I am Althea, just Althea”

I met Althea of the past, the Althea who stayed beside Rodotos.

And, that instant.

A golden lottery ticket appeared in front of me——half of that golden ticket.
The half of a golden lottery ticket appeared in front of me.

Chapter 208

Althea and Tanya

I picked up the half golden lottery ticket and kept it in the meantime and concentrated on the person in front of me.

The first one who reacted was Io.

“Althea-san?!”

She also didn’t think that she would meet her here, so she let out a loud surprised voice.

Althea gave Io a deep stare then silently opened her mouth.

“The way you called me, that expression. You, you know me”

“Eh...? Ah...!”

Io covered her mouth.

It looks like she finally remembered that this is the world in the past and that Althea was also a person from the past.

“I-It’s not, I...”

“Although I have many acquaintances, I would not forget a human who possesses such amount of magic powers. Who are you——no, who are you all?”

“...”

Io made a troubled expression and looked towards me for help.

“...it isn’t strange knowing the Great Sage Althea right?”

“A Demon Sword that possesses exactly the same aura as Eleanor, a young woman who exceeds the magic powers of a Great Wizard, and the Dragon King Olivia”

“Ororo~, you know me?”

“It is not strange knowing the Dragon King Olivia”

She replied with the same line.

Truthfully, I don’t think that a human who could see through Olivia’s appearance

exists.

She's not in her dragon form now, and she would change her appearance every time she mixes in with the soldiers, so her appearance shouldn't always be the same.

But even so, Althea confidently said that without hesitation.

On top of that, she was the same with Eleanor and Io.

She was spot on with both. Although she did not know, she understood the essence in an instant.

The Great Sage Althea, the one who knows everything.

That nickname of hers isn't for show.

I glanced at Olivia.

It looks like it would be better to tell her everything, just like how I did with Olivia.

I'm also looking forward to how Althea would react to it.

I got interested on what kind of reaction the woman who is called the Great Sage would show.

"I came from the future. This is Eleanor from the future"

"How many years later?"

"Eh?"

"How many years have passed in the future you came from?"

"You're asking that immediately?... I wonder how many years. At least, Rodotos' name have been uncommon, and, ahh, Olivia had reached the end of her lifespan too"

"What's about the kingdom? What happened to Rodotos's empire?"

"It doesn't exist. Mercouri, Calamba, Comotoria, Siracuza, Aegina. The world is divided into these five kingdoms"

"I've never heard of any of them"

"Ahh, by the way, you have quite an influence on them"

"Ara, is that so?"

"You even gave me noble titles from all five kingdoms, akin to treating me afternoon tea"

"I gave you?"

"You gave me"

"He〜..."

Althea gave me an interested stare.
What happened to giving me the noble titles?

“That’s like very me”
“It’s you after all”
“I’m interested in you now”
“I think you told me something similar in the future”
“...”

Unlike the light conversation before, Althea suddenly turned silent.
She stared at me without saying anything.

“What’s the matter?”
“It will take a very long time for Rodotos’ name to be lost”
“Yeah”
“Time that would make the empire lead to its downfall, time that the power balance of the world will be dyed with names of kingdoms of which names I do not know”
“What are you trying to say?”
“Why am I still alive?”
“Mu?”

Olivia’s words were shocking.
Why is she alive? That, don’t tell me——

“You, don’t tell me, you’re... human?”
“I am Althea, just Althea”

Althea answered with a serious face.
It was a line that I was used to hearing, but it had a completely different meaning.



The Great Sage Althea.

When she appeared for the first time, she was an old woman who wore a coat that covered her whole body.
She can absorb a human’s vigor by touching them, and she can regain her youth by absorbing from a thousand people’s portion.
Because she had that ability, and because she’s a Great Sage that would appear in

history from time to time, I've always believed that she's from a long-lived race that is not human.

But, she completely denied that.



We parted ways with Althea for once.

With me as the middleman, Olivia and Althea had a conversation with the topic of Orga the dragonkin, and she told her that the Dragon King's flesh would have no meaning for Rodotos.

According to Althea, she had already guessed so, but even so, if it was slightly possible——.

But after Olivia told her that, she easily backed down.

We decided a way to contact each other for later, so that she could consult us for a way to release Rodotos from Eleanor, and parted ways.

And right now, beside the Maraton's Spring.

I looked at the half golden lottery ticket.

[Something must be lacking]

I wasn't alone after all.

Eleanor said with a 'serious face'.

The half of a golden lottery ticket. It appeared the instant I met Althea, but it was but half a ticket.

Just like Eleanor had said, it is only natural to think that something's lacking.

[To determine her as Althea, there are too many things that are lacking. It is the same with Tanya and my memories]

"I guess so"

[However, it also became clear. It would seem that the final goal is to find the missing half piece of that golden ticket]

I nodded.

Since I came to this world——no, even before I came to this world, lottery and me has inseparable ties.

With a golden lottery ticket appearing now, on top of it being just half, I could only think of searching for the remaining half.

Golden lottery tickets cannot be searched for, it can only be attained by achieving something.

The problem is, what should I achieve?

“Your memories, Tanya’s memories, Althea’s body. Those things, for the time being”

[How about going to that lottery place for once? There might be a clue]

“I was trying to do that since earlier, but it looks like I can’t go there for some reason”

[We’re stuck huh]

“Kakeru-san... do you have a minute?”

I heard a voice from behind. It’s Tanya.

I turned to her and saw her with her eyebrows tied.

“What’s the matter?”

“Listening to what you talked about earlier, I was curious about something”

“What is it? Tell me”

“Siracuza and Calamba, are they a person’s name?”

“They’re kingdoms’ name... ah, it’s also a person’s name”

Both Helen and Iris has the kingdom’s name, Siracuza, as their surname.

“As I thought...”

“What do you mean?”

“Uhm... Siracuza-san, I know him. It’s the name of a villager who left the village, saying he’ll defeat Rodotos. Calamba-san is the name of the person he took with him”

“...”

[...]

Eleanor and I lost our words.

Siracuza who left the village to defeat Rodotos and Calamba who followed him.

This... it’s too good for a coincidence.

Chapter 209

The Proof of Mercouri

I listened to what Tanya said.

It looks like Siracuza and Calamba were young men from the village who were unable to endure Rodotos' despotic administration and went on a journey to defeat Rodotos.

There would be rumors about them fighting as the rebel army here and there, capturing a part of a remote region with the army they built.

It looks like the villagers were told about such rumors.

Two names of the five great kingdoms in the future appeared. There was no way it that it has no connection since their goal is even to defeat Rodotos——overthrow his empire.

I thought that the possibility of them defeating Rodotos in the end and turn his empire to the five great kingdoms is high.

In short, it's better to fight together with them to defeat Rodotos, or participate in the battles.

Defeat Rodotos——defeat Eleanor?

I found myself making a \sim expression with my mouth.

[Unconfident?]

"...I'll win 90%"

[That's the most cowardly you have been since we met]

"You on the peak of your strength is on the other side you know?"

"Un, Okaa-san was very pretty"

[I know, I know right?]

I flicked Eleanor with a finger for bragging.

I understand Hikari who's a Demon Sword herself describes her peak strength as "pretty", and I can also understand Eleanor being full of herself because her daughter admired her.

I understand, but it's a bit irritating.

However, it's as she said.

Just like how Hikari described her as "very pretty", that Eleanor is Eleanor in her peak strength.

Because Rodotos is wielding is "that" Eleanor, I can't say for sure that I'll win 100%. There's a need to do something about it.

"What's the matter, O-chan? You look like you're itching to do something"

"Oro~?! H-How did you know!"

"I can tell, it's O-chan after all"

Hikari said with an angelic smile.

Or rather, she did?

She doesn't look like that to me though.

Olivia glanced at me for an instant.

Her face looked like she wants to say something.

[Kukuku]

"What?"

[I just remembered a creature looking at her]

"A certain creature?"

[Pochi, that should be the easiest to describe it for you]

I couldn't help but shout "that's too roundabout" inside.

Pochi, that is without a doubt a dog's name. It would also be used for saying loyal dog or negatively, someone's dog.

Is Olivia like that?

I looked at Olivia once again. Un, she really looks like she wants to say something.

"Do you have something to say, Olivia?"

"——! Un"

"You should've just told me whatever it is. Why won't you?"

"You didn't say I can"

[She's Pochi right?]

“She’s the king of dragons though”

I couldn’t help but make a wry smile.

“And then? What do you want to say? Tell me”

“Those two. I know them”

“Why?”

“I borrowed soldiers from them before”



We fly up to the great sky on Olivia’s back after she turned to a dragon.
I’m with Io and Tanya.

Io had become very strong recently, she’s also courageous, but she was petrified with a pale face. She seems to have a fear of heights.
Her expression finally softened when I released an aura and enveloped her.

On the other side, Tanya looks quite comfortable; she was even looking down interestingly.

By the way, Hikari would sit on Olivia’s head or dangle from it from time to time. She’s enjoying the journey in the sky the best.

“Do you know where Siracuza and Calamba is?”

[If it’s human, I can somewhat tell where they are in this world after meeting them once]

Olivia who turned into a dragon said proudly.

Dragons, they also have that kind of ability huh. I nodded in admiration.

“I see. How can you feel where they are? Can you feel their souls or something?”

[It’s by using my smell, Human]

“By smell?! Really?!”

[Kukuku, she’s Pochi after all]

“By the way, which one are we going to? It’s the closer one right?”

[Umu. We’re heading towards the man called Skiros Calamba]

After Olivia answered, the conversation naturally ended.
I don't have any question before we arrive, so I also turned silent.

However.

[We're about to arrive, just over here——]
“There's a battle”
[Mu?!]

I heard it with my hearing that is multiplied 777x.
There's a battle occurring in the direction Olivia is heading to.

[It's 1 vs 20, I think]
[Muu～... they're really fighting]
“Which one is Skiros?”
[He's the one alone. He looks injured]
“Let's go down”
[Wait, it takes time to land]
“I'll go down first then”
[What? What are you going to do, Human?]
“I'll leave Io and Tanya to you. Hikari”
“Un!”

Hikari returned and transformed into a Demon Sword.
I grabbed her and unsheathed Eleanor.
I clad myself with aura and jumped off from Olivia's back.

““Kakeru-san?!”“

I heard Io and Tanya's voices, but I didn't mind.
I increased the speed and quickly fell. When I was about a hundred meters near the ground, I instantly landed.

I released my powers towards the ground, softening my landing.
An explosion occurred while I landed safely.

That was good as a result.
Their battle paused because a person suddenly fell from the sky.

I took a quick glance around and instantly understood the situation.
There are 21 of them in total, and 20 of them are surrounding 1. Both sides were dumbstruck.

According to Olivia, that Skiros guy is the one alone——if so!

I instantly killed them with Eleanor and Hikari.
They were decently skilled, but they're far from Rodotos, Olivia, and they can't even be compared to the white snakes.
Their level is that of normal humans. Their heads parted from their body in an instant.

“About this much”
[Otou-san's amazing. He's so cool jumping off]
[H-Hmph. I was prettier when in my peak though]

Why are you challenging me like that?
I flicked Eleanor with a finger and turned to the man.

Suddenly, something fell from my around my waist.
It fell at the impact of my landing.

It was a fan. A fan that I got from Helene when we first met and I just came to this world.
I've always kept it with me since I got it from her. It's a fan with Mercouri's emblem.

I opened it. Un, it fell but it isn't broken.
Thank goodness——

“That emblem?”
“Un?”
“Are you someone related to Mercouri?”
“W-What is it so suddenly?”

The man called Skiros Calamba rushed up to me.
She looked at the fan——at the emblem with deep emotions.

“Thank goodness... Mercouri... I finally met Mercouri...”

Skiros was moved.

This, don't tell me...

[In the end, it looks like you are one of the main characters]

Eleanor said interestingly.

Chapter 210

Dragon Soldier

Wings fluttering

Olivia landed after gliding and making a turn.

The sound of her wings could be heard from a distance, so the excited man couldn't help but also look.

I instantly released my aura and enveloped Olivia along with the girls.

Camouflage aura. A disguise that cannot be seen through unless one is more powerful than Eleanor.

"Huh? I thought there was a sound just now..."

The man tilted his head while looking up at the sky.

He probably sees the clear blue sky and white clouds, so it's just natural that he'd find it strange to see nothing after hearing such a loud sound.

I gave Olivia and the girls a look.

Io and Tanya understood and did not speak. Olivia is intelligent too so she immediately understands. She silently landed and turned to her dragonkin form.

After seeing that, I called out to the man.

"You are Skiros Calamba, right?"

"Yeah!"

Skiros nodded with gladness.

"And you are... uhm..."

"Yuuki Kakeru"

"Yuu, ki...? You're not Mercouri?"

Skiros showed a light confused expression and looked at my face and the fan.

“The owner of this is my woman”

“I see! You’re the son-in-law”

His spirits that were about to fall revived instantly.

“Are you searching for Mercouri?”

“Yes!”

“Why?”

“Do you know Akansa-sama?”

“Akansa...?”

I think I heard that name somewhere before. Where was it again?

[It’s that, you know, “that”]

“n?”

I looked towards the direction Eleanor’s consciousness is pointing to.

There was Olivia and the girls over there.

Olivia, Hikari, Io, Tanya——Tanya!

I see. It’s that old woman who made a strange fortune on her in Tanya’s village.

That old woman’s name is Akansa if I’m correct.

“That old fortune teller huh”

“T-That is a bit of a disrespectful way to call her. She is a famous life calculation expert after all”

“And what did that Akansa say?”

“It is...”Gather towards Mercouri, there is 8 good and 2 bad ahead of the emblem of light, there is 8 good and 2 bad”“

“Ahh, that sounds like something that old woman would say”

[Mercouri’s emblem of light should be this fan]

That would be the case.

“The others are also searching for Mercouri although their proportion of good and bad is different, so all of us are searching Mercouri and his emblem”

“The others? All of you?”

“The ones who have the will to overthrow Rodotos”

“Is one of you called Siracuza?”

“You know?!”

I remembered what Tanya said——at the same time, I remembered the future I came from.

“Is there also people named Comotoria and Aegina?”

“Yeah! The four of us are raising an army”

“...”

Calamba, Siracuza, Comotoria, Aegina.

The four of them were told by a fortune teller to find Mercouri/me(?).

Just like in Tanya’s case, I know that the “good” that fortune teller is saying is correct because I know the five great countries in the future.

I know, but...



I parted ways with Skiros once.

He plans on advancing the gathering of soldiers to the last stage because Mercouri was found.

After seeing him off, I removed the aura from the girls.

“What is happening, Kakeru-san”

“It looks like we’re going to be the “Mercouri” among the five great kingdoms”

“???”

Io tilted her head. Her face says she didn’t understand what I said.

“In other words, Mercouri doesn’t exist, and we who came to the past are Mercouri”

“Haa...”

“However, after reaching this point, there’s another thing that bothers me”

“Another thing?”

“Helene and Iris. Both of them are not purely human”

That’s right. I did not think much of it because they naturally mixed in with the humans, but the first impression I got from Helene when I just came to this world was

that “she looks like an elf”.

Long golden hair, long ears, and beauty full of elegance.

I secretly thought that she looks like an elf.

That was the case with Helene, and Iris was the same.

On the other hand, the other princesses and queens of the four kingdoms are completely human.

Rica, Aura, Fiona and Marie, and Selene as well.

I could feel that all of them are simple humans.

However, even though that was the case, this happened.

I could only think that there is something more to this.

“Well, I understand that, but what are you going to do for the soldiers, Kakeru-san. Your slaves didn’t come with us, so with just us... a war is impossible, right?”

“I guess so. If we are Mercouri, then an army is a need”

“What should we do?”

“Hmm...”

I placed a hand on my chin and thought.

Should I gather them using money? Or should I kick some band of thieves’ asses and make them my minions?

Or maybe——

[Oi]

“What?”

[Pochi looks like she’s itching to say something]

“Un?”

Just like Eleanor had said, Olivia seems like she really wants to say something.

Just like what happened before, she wants to say something but she’s waiting for my command.

“What’s the matter, Olivia?”

“About Hikari, I could really smell myself from her”

“Un? You were always together in the future after all”

“Un! O-chan and Hikari are best friends!”

“It’s not just my smell, but my magic powers as well, you know～”

“Heh～”

“Also... Hikari, she’s Eleanor’s daughter right?”

“Yeah, no matter how you look at her”

[Although no one could tell she’s your daughter just from her looks]

I flicked Eleanor with a finger for speaking rubbish.

“And then?”

“If it’s like that, I think that I can leave dragon soldiers for Hikari”

“Dragon soldiers... huh?”

“Un”

“What does she mean?”, but when I was thinking of that.

[The Undead Army huh]

Eleanor muttered. I remembered the first time I met her.

She possesses the ability to keep a massive amount of undead, summon, and command them.

Similar to that, however, the ones that will be commanded are dragons.

Olivia is saying that Hikari has that ability.

“Fue～?”

Hikari looks like she doesn’t understand, but it would be amazing if she can do that.

[She is my daughter after all]

Eleanor said proudly.

I couldn’t help but agree with her.

Chapter 211

Ojii-chan and Obaa-chan

We departed towards a mountain called Sirulia riding on Olivia's back after she transformed into a dragon.

It was not as triangular-shaped as Mt. Fuji, but a rock mountain with steep cliffs impossible for normal humans to climb.

It was a mountain without few greens, but its peak was different.

You could see it covered with white from afar, so I thought that it's covered with perpetual snow like Mt. Fuji, but I found out it's different when we approached and landed.

"E-Eggs...?"

Tanya whispered with a frightened expression.

What covered the peak was a countless amount of eggs.

Those eggs bigger than an ostrich's was aligned in order.

Tanya was scared by its big size, but Io who is an S-Rank adventurer was not scared by mere eggs asked Olivia.

"These, are they dragon eggs?"

"It's called drakes. In human terms, they are demi-dragons"

"Demi-dragons... like demi-humans?"

"That's right"

I see. It's a species of dragons but a little different.

"They're quite powerful and just as intelligent as humans, but they're far inferior to dragons, so we're protecting them most of the time or keep them as servants"

"Do you keep them as well?"

"Un"

Olivia nodded.

“They’re as intelligent as humans and they have their pride as well, so normally, they would only be subservient to dragons. But if it’s Hikari...”

“I see. It’s possible for Hikari who you rubbed off your magic powers huh”

Olivia nodded once again.

While listening to the drakes’ explanation, Hikari was looking interestingly at the eggs.

She would touch, pat, and peek from below.

I asked Olivia while watching her do that.

“And then? What should we do?”

“She only needs to hit the drakes that are born. It’s easiest to make them subservient using force when they are just born”

“Imprinting huh”

Olivia nodded.

That sounds easy.

I should just help Hikari hit the drakes that are born.

The problem is how I would make Hikari hit them.

It’s a bit wrong with me using her as a Demon Sword and hit them, right?

What should I do?

[It looks like there is no need for you to worry about that]

“Eh?”

I raised my brows at Eleanor’s words then noticed that her consciousness is pointing towards Hikari’s direction.

I turned to that direction and saw a scene where the eggs are cracking one next to the other, with drakes hatching out of them.

The ones born earlier——they were playing with Hikari.

They were playing with Hikari, Hikari who was smaller than them.

It looked like a huge dog like a Saint Bernard was playing with a child.

And it was not only a few of them. All of the drakes that hatched from their eggs gathered around with Hikari and played with her.

“Ahahaha, that tickles～”

“...is that how it is?”

I asked Olivia.

“U～un, normally, you would need to hit them and show them your strength...”

Olivia was surprised by Hikari and the drakes.

“I’ve never seen or heard something like this” was written on her face.

The drakes cried at once, all of the dragons followed and cried, started to resonate with each other’s voices.

“Are they saying something?”

“They’re calling Hikari Okaa-san”

“It means there was no need for imprinting huh”

[Umu, they are submitting to her naturally]

“As expected of my daughter”[As expected of my daughter]

I said at the same time with Eleanor.

I involuntarily flicked her with my finger.

“Hikari-chan’s amazing”

“Un, this is unexpected. I thought that she’d make them submit using force since she’s Eleanor’s daughter, but I did not imagine it will be like this”

Tanya and Olivia sighed with admiration.

I felt quite happy hearing Hikari praised.

“So, will she be able to keep them just like your Undead Army?”

[Of course. I’ll teach Hikari how later]

“That’s good. She looks like she’s having fun, so do it later”

Eleanor and I watched over Hikari and the drakes play with the same feelings.

“Ah!”

Suddenly, Io seemed to have noticed something.

“What’s the matter?”

“The drakes, they’re calling Hikari-chan Okaa-san right?”

Io said that and confirmed with Olivia. Olivia nodded.

“Un, they’re saying that”

“If their Okaa-san is Hikari-chan... what is Kakeru-san?”

“...eh?”

If Hikari is their mother, then what am I?

...eh?

[Wait! I do not plan on becoming a grandmother in this age]

Eleanor started panicking. It looks like she understood faster than me who blanked out.

I was so surprised that I even forgot to question how old Eleanor is right now.

Chapter 212

The Demon Sword Cupid

In the peak of Mount Sirulia, I held Hikari who returned to her Demon Sword form.

“Let’s begin”

[Un!]

Hikari’s innocent voice echoed in my head.

Soon after, the blade of the Demon Sword started to glow with a faint light.

Although it is a different light from the aura I’m normally using, I’m familiar with it.

The same scene occurs when Eleanor summons her Undead Army.

And I was right. Soon after, drakes appeared one next to the other around me.

Hikari’s summoning, dragon servants.

They exceeded a hundred and almost covered the peak of the mountain.

“Is this all?”

[Un! Everyone came out]

“Can you keep them again?”

[Wait a second. Mumumumu～…]

Hikari groaned. Although she’s in her Demon Sword form, her appearance of narrowing the eyebrows of her lovely face naturally came to my mind.

I couldn’t help but smile.

And gradually, all of the drakes disappeared.

[I did it～!]

“Let them come out once more”

[Un!]

A hundred drakes were summoned again.

The Demon Sword Hikari’s servants, the Dragon Army.

It looks like she's able to let them exit and enter.

"As expected of Eleanor's child"

"I, I think that I might've seen a historical event just now"

"What does that mean?"

Olivia was impressed yet convinced, Io was astonished, and Tanya was mystified.
It's interesting how the girls' reactions were different.

[So, what are you going to do now? Don't tell me you'll release them just like this? I have never heard that dragons have been involved in the founding of Mercouri]

"Your memories aren't that reliable in this case after all"

[What did you say?]

"If you want to deny it, try remembering something about this era"

[Muu...]

Eleanor fell silent. It looks like she can't say anything back when that was pointed out.

"Well, however. I get what you're trying to say. And so"

I grabbed Eleanor's hilt and released the dark aura.

I enveloped the drakes that Hikari summoned with that.

[Wawawa~, everyone turned into humans~!]

"Camouflage aura. I only made them look as if they turned into humans"

The appearance drakes that was enveloped by the aura quickly turned into human soldiers.

They all look like humans. The equipment they are wearing is based on Knight Fortis who was with Helene when we first met.

The horde of drakes turned into knights of Mercouri in an instant.

[Wa~, it's the same with Helene-oneechan's subordinates~]

"With this, we can participate in the battle"

[Un! It's so amazing, everyone looks like a real knight]

Hikari was impressed.

As long as one doesn't possess powers that exceed Eleanor, her camouflage aura

cannot be seen through.

Although they are both Demon Swords, Eleanor's daughter, Hikari, is weaker so she can't see through them.

I looked at Olivia for no particular reason. She's making an impressed expression. If the Dragon King Olivia can't see through it, then it should be alright.

With this, the preparations to participate as "Mercouri" is finished.

☆

Deep within the night, at the peak of Mount Sirulia.

When the men and women had fallen asleep, a young girl pushed the Magic Cottage's door open, and went outside.

The wind in the peak of the mountain makes her long hair flutter in the air, with the moonlight shining upon it releasing a faint glow.

Hikari——although her appearance was still young, she possesses mystical beauty.

"Is it around here～?"

[Umu. You can hear me?]

"Un, I can hear you. How strange～, I can although Okaa-san is with Otou-san"

[We're mother and daughter after all]

"Un!"

Hikari smiled innocently. As the child of Eleanor, she should be the second most powerful Demon Sword in this world, but she has the loveliness in her human form that no one would think as such.

No, you can say that she only possesses loveliness.

And that Hikari asked Eleanor furthermore.

"I went outside, but what should I do now?"

[Umu. Call out your dragon child, one is enough]

"I got it! A-chan, come out～!"

Hikari called out as if she was speaking to her best friend.

Soon after, a drake appeared from her shadow.

[A-chan?]

“It’s her name”

[I see. Umu, if you can give them names and differentiate them from each other, then it is much better. Right now, I shall bestow Hikari one of my techniques]

“Technique?”

[It’s the etiquette of Demon Swords]

“W-Waa～ ... wawawawa～”

Hikari placed her hands on her head and started to fidget.

The mother and daughter Demon Swords possesses a spiritual connection that ordinary beings do not have.

Eleanor used that and directly gave Hikari her knowledge.

[You understood?]

“Un, I got it. But, can Hikari do it?”

[You are my daughter. Try it]

“Un! Mumumumu～ ...”

Hikari gripped her small fists, gathered her powers——“Eiia!”, she jumped like banzai!

Soon after, the appearance of the drake she summoned changed.

It changed from its dragon form to a beautiful girl.

“Waa～, she really turned into human”

[Of course. Even so, I could feel a familiar air around her]

“Ehehe～ ... you can tell?”

[What do you mean?]

“Okaa-san, you told me to imagine an appearance that fits A-chan right?”

[Umu]

“That’s why I imagined. The appearance of “good women” that Otou-san loves”

[I see. It was that air huh]

Although the girl in front of Hikari do not necessarily look similar to someone, but just like Hikari said, the air around her was completely similar to those of the “good women”.

If anything, it would be like the women that gathered in the harem Rica is making, or maybe the slave soldiers.

The air around her is similar to those women.

“Thank you, Okaa-san”

[Umu. But still, you are still too far from it. You took so much time before you changed her appearance. It is ideal as a Demon Sword if you had already changed its appearance the instant you summoned them]

“What should I do?”

[I’ll tell you now the way to practice. You should practice very well]

“UIn!”

After Eleanor taught Hikari how to practice the technique, she returned her consciousness to the bedroom.

The bedroom where a man who has four women sleeping beside him.

Eleanor looked at him, then looked at the woman who is the Dragon King.

[When all’s said and done, an angel of love that helps the dragon children’s love affair. Hmph. I’m really losing my edge]

Eleanor deprecatingly, yet profoundly whispered.

Chapter 213

A Million and One's Army Group

It is now morning at the peak of Mount Sirulia.

Everyone came out of the Magic Cottage and separated into two groups in the spacious peak of the mountain.

One group is Olivia, Io, and Tanya.

The other group is me and the two Demon Swords.

From the outside perspective, there is one man and three beautiful women.

It is a scene where they are just facing each other.

“Let’s begin”

“Y-Yes!”

“Lend Ice Magic Powers to Tanya”

【Magic Powers of Ice will be lent to Tanya Chichiakis. Time Remaining: 59 minutes 59 seconds】

I used the first prize from the lottery, the power lending ability on Tanya.

For one hour starting now, Tanya will have 777x her original magic powers.

Following that, I grabbed Hikari, the hilt of the Demon Sword.

“Let’s start too”

[Un!]

I heard an innocent voice and released powers.

Hikari’s servants were summoned around us. I used camouflage aura at the same time they were summoned, so people looking would only see it like human knights were summoned.

[Waa～... Otou-san’s really amazing after all]

“Un?”

Why did she praise me for that?
I couldn't understand why, so I brushed it off.

The one hundred drake soldiers moved towards Tanya.

Olivia and Io stepped back and made a watching posture.
Tanya chanted her magic and attacked the drake soldiers.
Although her original magic powers were low, with the effect of the 777x amplification, Tanya is now able to use powerful magic.

But even so, Tanya is still an amateur in battle.
She only stood in her place, using the brute force of her massive magic powers to attack the drake soldiers.

Every time the drake soldiers were defeated, I would send my powers to Hikari, re-summoning them as soon as they are defeated.

And if you want to ask why I'm doing this, there are two goals.
First, it would train Tanya.
The first goal is that it would help her grow by continuously defeating the summoned drake soldiers.

The second goal is to check the specs of Hikari's servants, the Demon Sword's drake soldiers.
I wanted to check if they can be used as soldiers.
However.

"They're weak"
[Umu, although there are a hundred of them, they can be annihilated by one of your slave soldiers in their current strength]
[I'm sorry...]
[It's not Hikari's fault. After all, they just hatched yesterday. And also]
[Also?]

Hikari had a question mark on her head. Eleanor sounded somewhat happy in the way she spoke.
She sounded very interested that I could easily imagine that she would probably be raising the corner of her lips if she was standing in front of me.

[They are still starting to grow. Even if they are weak individually, it is possible for them to re-summoned as long as the wielder's stamina and mental power lasts]

[Otou-san's?]

[Umu. This is also a test for him]

Eleanor sounded more like she was grinning.

I see, that's why she sounded like it was interesting huh.

Although it's not like she's pranking me.

It's as if I was told "show me how far you can go".

"Watch me"

I secretly took a breath and concentrated on my hand that held Hikari.

I cannot show Hikari an uncool side as her father.

After a while, my concentration reached its peak, and the voices around me disappeared.

My consciousness was pointing to Tanya and the drake soldiers' battle.

Although Tanya used her massive magic powers to continuously defeat the drake soldiers, she completely lacks battle experience, so she was finally dragged into a melee, and was wounded at last.

Olivia saved her and made her recover using the magic ball (white) that I made her hold before we started.

Io jumped into the fray in her stead.

Although I didn't lend her magic powers, Io fought the drake soldiers with magic powers comparable to Tanya.

On top of that, Io has an abundant fighting experience, so she was able to fight at all distance.

She would dodge when they approached her, she would shoot lightning when she has some distance, and she would release her hundred lightning onto the drake soldiers when she's a huge distance from them.

A Great Wizard that dances in the battlefield. Io was unparalleled against the drake

soldiers.

I want to see more of that side of her, so I continued to re-summon the drake soldiers and made them attack her.

Finally, Io's stamina and magic powers fell.

After she defeated a thousand of the drake soldiers, her movements started to dull, and she would chant her magic for a longer time.

And there, there was another baton touch.

It was Olivia who came out to replace Io.

The Dragon King Olivia who stood dignified at the summit of Mount Sirulia.

The drake soldiers stopped their movements for an instant.

They were pressured by the Dragon King in front of them.

[Kuku, this is what differentiates them from the Undead Army]

[Are they different?]

[Mine has no consciousness or to speak, so they would not be pressured. Hikari's are daughters right?]

[No, we're friends]

[I see. But even so, it is the same. They would be overwhelmed by dragons like this since they possess consciousness]

[I see～]

[Even so, I can't compare with Hikari]

[Fue? Can't compare? Okaa-san to Hikari?]

[That's right. I should say, when it comes to the efficiency and conversion efficiency when this guy uses his stamina and will in summoning. You exceed me in that aspect.

The reason is, without a doubt, because Hikari is his daughter]

[It's because I'm Otou-san's daughter?]

[Since you are related by blood, the amount of loss from halfway is less than me]

[I see... ehehe～]

Eleanor and Hikari were talking about something, but it did not enter my ears.

It's because I needed to inject even more power onto Hikari.

Dragon King Olivia. She's many times stronger than Io.

She would only casually wave her hand and 80% of the drake soldiers were chopped into have by an invisible slash.

Even if I would re-summon them by using a huge amount of power, they would be turned into ashes by her dragon breath in the next instant.

They would be annihilated after I summoned, then annihilated again after I re-summoned, that continued to repeat.

I found it a bit funny, so my concentration lapsed.

It's because I found it easy to count the number of Olivia's kill count.

Since they would be annihilated quickly after they are summoned, the kill count would increase by a hundred every time.

As expected of Olivia, as expected of the Dragon King.

I can test without worries with her as the opponent.

I stabbed Hikari to the ground, held her hilt, and concentrated on summoning.

The Dragon King who showed overwhelming strength and me who infinitely summoned.

The battle continued for one day and one night, but they were still no winner. Olivia's kill count reached seven digits.

Chapter 214

The Demon King Eleanor (side Althea)

The imperial capital Irrion.

It is the most prosperous place in the land as well as the place enveloped by evil in the world the most.

One woman was walking through the wide corridors of the beautiful palace.

Everyone that pass by her, the guards, the maids, no one stopped her.

Althea, Rodotos' sworn ally.

A woman who does not possess an official title, but yet recognized as the second most powerful figure in the Empire.

That woman came before the throne hall with her eyebrows making a deep crease.

She glanced at the guards, making them open the thick gates, the symbol of authority, and entered.

There is one man sitting on the throne.

The paramount existence in this Empire, the Emperor who led the unification of the world.

The Hero, Rodotos.

And there is a beauty in the arms of that hero.

He sat proudly on his throne with a beauty on his lap.

If one were to mention the relationship of a beauty and an emperor, it is natural to think that it is sexual, but in this case, it is half wrong and half right.

The beauty moaned as if she was feeling pleasure that is out of this world and her voice echoed throughout the majestic throne hall.

Her voice sounded so charming that innocent boys and girls would instinctively blush and wish to run away from it just by hearing.

On the other hand, the clothes of Rodotos and the woman was not disordered.

Although the woman wrapped her arms around Rodotos, he was only grabbing the woman's head.

Nevertheless, the woman was trembling with pleasure.

Althea watched that while standing at the entrance.

She felt terror——fear.

The reason she felt fear was because it was not the first time she encountered “that”.

That is why, she knows what happens next.

She glanced at Demon Sword Eleanor that was pierced to the ground behind the throne.

Eleanor's blade flickered with light as if she was laughing.

After a while, the woman flexes her whole body from her head to her toes, then threw out her limbs powerlessly.

——but suddenly, she started to convulse.

She grabbed her throat with both hands, scratched her face, and groaned in pain.

And that was only for a short time. Within a minute, the woman's eyes rolled to its whites and died.

The corner of Rodotos's lips distorted with elation.

The act of giving a woman sexual pleasure by grabbing her head, then absorb her life force.

It was not a deed done by Rodotos, but something that Demon Sword Eleanor makes him do.

Rodotos is completely dominated by Eleanor.

Every time Rodotos repeats that evil art of using life force, Althea felt that his soul is becoming dull.

She came to him up until now to stop that, but.

“It’s... the limit”

Althea closed her eyes, grit her teeth, then resolutely stepped forward.

She moved towards the throne as the gate behind her closes.

“You came huh Althea. How is Olivia’s subjugation going?”

“I wish to speak about something with you——Eleanor”

Rodotos looked blank for an instant.

He narrowed his dull eyes that are unique to humans who are dominated and controlled by Demon Swords and gave Althea a stare.

Soon after, the tone of his voice changed.

To a tone that was Rodotos yet not Rodotos.

“What, what do you want to talk about?”

“I want you to release him”

“What?”

The corner of Rodotos’s——Eleanor’s lips was raised.

“This is my contract with him. I shall let him conquer this world and in return, I will receive the second half of his life. It’s that kind of contract”

“ ... ”

“I know what you humans are doing. I also know that you cannot separate me with this man no matter what you do, so I am only allowing you to do what you want”

“You knew it all along”

“Don’t think of unnecessary things. You should just enjoy his achievements. You are not part of the contract after all”

“What if it’s in exchange for your body?”

“...what did you say?”

Eleanor’s expression changed.

The initiative of the conversation was passed over to Althea.

“If Rodotos was to be continued to be dominated by you, his soul will be sullied, never to reincarnate eternally”

“It is that kind of contract. Rather than that, speak. What do you mean it’s in exchange for my body?”

Eleanor impatiently made Althea continue.

Althea expressionlessly took out a glass bottle from her pocket.

A richly colored liquid is inside the bottle.

“If you drink this, you will be able to gain a physical body. Not a temporary one, but one that only you possess”

“Ridiculous! There is no way that exist——”

“You should be able to understand after trying it”

Althea said calmly. It made Eleanor fall silent instead.

And finally, after a long silence.

“Do I only need to release Rodotos?”

Eleanor asked and Althea showed a slightly bitter smile.

“At that time, you should have already stopped caring about his body”

“Mu!”

After living for a very long time, Eleanor has acquired intelligence that is beyond humans.

She understands what Althea is trying to say and at the same time——at the least, for Althea——she understood that it was real.

“As you wish, give it to me”

Althea approached and passed her the glass bottle.

“What should I do with this?”

“You drink it, that’s all”

“ ... ”

“It’s fine to hesitate, but you should at least hesitate after you stop Rodotos’s corruption”

“Eii! You do not need to repeatedly insist it is real!”

Eleanor irritatingly said, opened the bottle, and drank the richly colored liquid at once.

Heart beats!

It echoed so loudly that even Althea heard it.

Eleanor——Rodotos started to groan, and finally, his body divided.

With the man——Emperor Rodotos unchanged, a girl with a daunting expression wearing a black dress appeared.

“You looked like that huh”

Althea said without emotions.

In contrast, Eleanor was trembling with joy, feeling and looking at her own body.

“A body! MY body!”

“Yes”

“I feel my powers overflow! Fu, fufu, fuhahahahaha!”

“As promised, release Rodotos”

“Before that, tell me Althea. What are the limitations of this body? What is its longevity?”

“It is eternally youthful, but not undying”

“It is enough!”

Eleanor looked up to the sky and burst out a laugh.



She waved her hand and the expression of Rodotos who collapsed to the ground changed.

The baleful aura of someone dominated by a Demon Sword disappeared, but instead, it turned into a pale one that was almost no difference with a corpse.

Seeing Rodotos's soul released, Althea felt complicated, yet seemingly relieved.



Eleanor rushed out with great spirits and went somewhere.

Althea remained in that place and let Rodotos's head rest on her lap.

Rodotos had already breathed his last.

His body was torn into tatters after being corrupted by the Demon Sword for a long time.

He simply passed away the instant Eleanor left.

But from that Rodotos's body, a soul that releases a strong light came out.

Althea held it with her hands, then raised it to the sky.

The soul slowly climbed up to the sky.

"Next time, live as a normal human. A normal human whose destiny shall not intersect with such existence"

Althea saw the soul off.

The soul that looked weak, yet still releases a light meant that she was barely able to save Rodotos.

After seeing it off, she remembered Eleanor who was in high spirits.

A girl in a black dress, one that releases the presence of evil from her whole body.

Although her appearance was that of a young girl, those who look upon her will

unconsciously think of the word “Demon King”.

“Eternally youthful, but not undying”

Althea whispered.

In her mind was the visage of a man who uses a dark aura that almost doesn't have an evil presence.

She believed in her future self and the man she was fond of.

“You understand what that means, right?”

Althea thought that she should believe her “self”.



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